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When the General Assembly established UNOCT in 2017, it inherited the UN Counter-Terrorism Center (UNCCT), which already had a team in the UN Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy in Central Asia in Ashgabat helping implement the regional Joint Plan of Action.

Over the course of the following six years, UNOCT has established just five programme offices and currently maintains only four field presences, including the one in Ashgabat.

But here's something I bet you won't hear from other UN entities: when UNOCT's work in a field location is done or no longer suitable, we *close* them!

That's right: we have closed down field presences in Bishkek, Dhaka, Khartoum, Nouakchott, and Ouagadougou. Our presence in Manila, implementing the CT Travel Programme, will close when the system becomes operational.

We have established a senior field coordinator to make sure our field presences and our programme offices are fit-for-purpose, results-oriented, and appropriately resourced, as well as help institutionalize our relationships with Resident Coordinators and the Development Coordination Office.

In that regard, let me highlight three characteristics of our Programme Offices that define our operational model:

First, UNOCT Programme Offices away from Headquarters are UNOCT structures established in a host-country and deployed from UNOCT

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