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United Nations Global Programme on Countering Terrorist Threats against Vulnerable Targets

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Dear colleagues,

I should start by thanking you, once again, for our partnership. It is only thanks to our collaborative
efforts that we have reached so much.

To date, the Programme has achieved concrete results.
- Launched six new guides of good practices on critical infrastructure and soft target protection;
- Developed a Training Curriculum on Vulnerable Targets Protection, especially designed as a tool
for those who become trainers on this subject in their own country;
- Undertook 70 activities engaging over 2600 individuals from around the world, in particular
from its five main beneficiary Member States (Indonesia, Kenya, Tajikistan, Togo, and Tunisia);
and
- Created a Global Network of Experts on Vulnerable Targets Protection with almost 200
members from 70 Member States, as well as international and regional organizations, civil
society representatives, academia, and the private sector.

We were able to do all this with a budget of less than three million dollars, and with three UNOCT staff
fully dedicated to the Programme, as well as staff from CTED, UNICRI and UNAOC.

Additionally, in two years, the Programme has expanded its pool of donors from one to five, now
encompassing: France, the State of Qatar, the Russian Federation, Spain, and the United States. The

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Under the development of knowledge tools, we will produce a new technical guide on the protection
of energy infrastructure. We will also launch, jointly with the Global Programme on Security of Major
Sporting Events and the use of Sport Values to Prevent Violent Extremism, an e-learning course, and
further develop the modules that are part of our Training Curriculum.

We will