

Dear Colleagues,

Today's strategic discussion will focus on addressing the increasing terrorist threat in parts of Africa, and

Through our Programme Offices in Rabat and Nairobi, we continue to provide specialized training benefiting over 40 African Member States.

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Stemming the increasing terrorist threat across the continent demands a more robust response that draws on the best knowledge, which is well coordinated and adequately funded.

This is why we have launched the “UN Joint Appeal for Counter-Terrorism in Africa” as a collaborative endeavor of 16 Compact entities in support of ten strategic multi-partner initiatives, which respond to national priorities and technical assistance needs identified by the Counter-Terrorism Committee and its Executive Directorate.

I invite you to visit the website –www.jointappeal.org – to learn more about this initiative.

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I want to draw your attention to Secretary-General Guterres’ transformative vision of the UN 2.0 “Quintet of Change,” emphasizing the importance of behavioral science, innovation, data, and interdisciplinary approaches in tackling global security challenges.

Following that vision and with the support of the State of Qatar, as Chair of the Compact Coordination Committee, I would like to propose the launch of a new Working Group of the Compact dedicated to the use of Behavioral Sciences to prevent radicalization and violent extremism. This Working Group will work closely with the UNOCT BI Hub in Doha.

The Compact Secretariat will consult with all Compact entities regarding the Working Group’s Terms of Reference, including its objectives, scope of work and composition.

Dear Colleagues,

This Compact provides us with a framework for effective collaboration to support Member States counter-terrorism efforts and is a testament to our shared commitment to a world free from terrorism.

I look forward to continuing working with you to support African and other Member States affected by the scourge of terrorism.

In conclusion, the General Assembly’s mandate, outlined in operative paragraph 96 of the eighth review resolution of the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, presents a unique opportunity to assess the impact of our CT and PCVE efforts. We appeal to Member States to allocate appropriate resources to conduct a full-fledged and independent evaluation, yielding robust findings on results achieved, good practices, and lessons learned.

Additionally, we urge Compact entities to actively collaborate with the Resource Mobilization, Monitoring and Evaluation Working Group of the Compact in the development of a unified results framework and the evaluative exercise. This collaborative endeavor is crucial for a meaningful measurement and assessment of our collective impact in countering terrorism and preventing violent extremism conducive to terrorism.

Thank you for your attention.