



Excellencies,
Dear colleagues,

Good morning and welcome to our first Quarterly Briefing to Member States this year. Today, we will share with you the progress made in our joint efforts to counter terrorism and prevent violent extremism and present our policy priorities for this year.

Let us begin by watching a short - but I hope meaningful - video on our key achievements in 2023.

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Despite all the continuous efforts, still we must face the grim reality that terrorism continues to pose a significant threat to international peace and security.

Both Al-Qaida and ISIS are capable to organize their heinous attacks, notably in conflict zones in parts of Africa, particularly in West Africa and the Sahel.

Regarding the situation in camps and detention facilities in northeast Syria, where persons are still being held, I echo the repeated calls of the Secretary-General for urgent action.

Member States with nationals in these camps need to bring them home with due regard for well-established prosecution, rehabilitation, and reintegration standards.

Additionally, the exploitation by terrorists of Internet, as well as new and emerging technologies, including unmanned aerial systems and virtual assets, is also very concerning.

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The importance of international counter-terrorism cooperation against this menace cannot be understated, including through the sharing of experiences, best practices and lessons learned, as well as strengthening existing partnerships and networks.

In this regard, UNOCT will continue to strengthen the implementation of our global capacity-building programmes together with relevant international, regional, and national partners.

My Office is also committed to stepping up its work with Member States to strengthen gender-sensitive and human rights-compliant approaches, whilst promoting a victim-centered approach.

And I am grateful to OHCHR and

