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**Investigating Innovative Approaches to efficiently Address Terrorists
Exploitation of Porous Borders in Africa
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Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my great pleasure to address you today from Tripoli, I want to express my sincere appreciation and gratitude to Libya and the Kingdom of Morocco for organizing this event, which is a continuation of the collaborative spirit fostered at last year's Marrakesh Platform. This meeting draws together Member States and individuals with a shared commitment to peace and security from across the globe.

The theme of today's gathering, "Investigating Innovative Approaches to Efficiently Address Terrorist Exploitation of Porous Borders in Africa," speaks directly to the urgent need for cooperative action.

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

The spread of terrorism and violent extremism conducive to terrorism undermines peace, security, and stability in Africa. Da'esh, Al-Qaida, and their affiliates have exploited instability and conflict to increase their activities and intensify attacks across Africa.

The exploitation of local grievances and use of mis- and dis- information, the proliferation of weapons, transfer of funds, abuse of knowledge, and movement of fighters – including across “porous” borders across the continent - illustrate the transregional nature of the threat.

These evolving dynamics underscore the critical necessity for comprehensive regional cooperation and the fortification of institutional frameworks to effectively confront and mitigate these threats.

In particular, the Sahel region continues to face nexus of increasing terrorist activity and organized crime, underscoring the need for comprehensive approaches, where enhanced collaboration and innovative security solutions are accompanied by measures to address terrorist recruitment, financing and the flow of illegal weapons.

This “new paradigm” for prevention was highlighted in the United Nations Secretary-General