



One of the main functions of the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT) is to strengthen the delivery of United Nations counter-terrorism capacity-building assistance to Member States.

In fulfilling this mandate, we rely on strong partnerships with Member States, international and regional organizations, civil society organizations, the academia and the private sector. We acknowledge the critical role played by parliamentarians in securing a balanced implementation of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy.

That is why UNOCT, with the generous support of the Shura Council of the State of Qatar, will soon be opening a Programme Office on Parliamentary Engagement in Doha.

This Office will create a new page in the United Nations response to terrorism. It will promote a stronger parliamentary engagement in efforts to prevent and

I very much hope you will be able to join us in these events, for which the UN Office of Counter-Terrorism will circulate relevant information through your parliamentary assemblies in due course.

Dear Colleagues,

Terrorism remains a primary concern for the international community.

This June the United Nations will commemorate the 15th anniversary of the adoption of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy. On this occasion, my Office is preparing a guide for parliamentarians to facilitate the implementation of this major policy UN document on countering terrorism.

Tragically, 2021 also marks the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks and milestone Security Council resolution 1373, adopted under Chapter VII of the UN Charter in response to this horrific act.

I would like to take this opportunity to remember and honour all victims and survivors of terrorism.

The first United Nations Global Congress of Victims of Terrorism, which will take place later this year, will be an opportunity to maintain the momentum and build on these efforts.

I look forward to hearing from you, distinguished Members of Parliaments, about what we can do together to better respond to terrorism and support victims and survivors.

Let me conclude by commending IPA CIS, IPU, PAM, OSCE PA, PACE and all parliamentary assemblies, that joined us today, for giving due attention to counter terrorism-related issues in their agendas.

I wish you a fruitful discussion and thank you for your attention.