Excellencies, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen, to learning modules, tools, and training courses. These modules are globally accessible and include both instructor-led and self-paced courses. They will serve as multipliers for expanding the outreach of the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism while complementing its inperson programmatic activities.

Second, the novel approach of the "Connect & Learn" platform lies in its "Communities of Practice" forum that will allow approved users to connect and share knowledge, good practices, and lessons learned. Discussion groups, activity streams and collaborative work will be facilitated through the forum, as well as the sharing of access to resource libraries. This will further encourage the exchange of information and build strong partnerships to produce innovative responses to the challenges at hand.

These features will allow experts and stakeholders, including counter-terrorism experts from Member States, the private sector, civil society, and academia from around the world to use the Platform to connect and collaborate in the fight against terrorism and violent extremism.

The United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism remains committed to expanding innovative course offerings and increasing content accessibility through the Platform. Contributions to the Platform will fund the creation of new workshops, interactive courses, and additional features offered through extensions and plug-ins. It will also enable the Platform to accommodate more advanced counter-terrorism trainings, develop course translations to further widen their reach.

## Excellencies,

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