

**Remarks by Mr. Vladimir Voronkov,
Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism**

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Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my pleasure to join you in person after three long years. Allow me to convey the warm greetings of Secretary-General António Guterres.

Let me begin by thanking the Global Counter Terrorism Forum Co-Chairs, Canada and the Kingdom of Morocco, for inviting the United Nations to this meeting, and for their leadership and excellent cooperation with the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact.

We congratulate and very much look forward to working with the European Union and Egypt as the incoming co-chairs, who take the helm as the GCTF enters its second decade.

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Concerns that Al-Qaida once again has a safe haven in Afghanistan means the prospects that its goal of reconstituting an external operations capability are closer than they were a year ago, while [redacted] has more than doubled in size over the past year, able to strike in Kabul as well as other parts of the country.

Since we last met, we have also witnessed a rise in terrorist attacks on the basis of

To address this issue, the Secretary-General, at the request of the General Assembly, issued a report last month that reflects Member State and civil society perspectives on and information about this phenomenon and its detectable transnational aspects. It calls for more research and data to plug serious information gaps as well as encourages Member States to share information and work together to address the threat. My Office will present the report during a dedicated event

(UNITAD), and the Financial Action Task Force. The Compact now has 45 entities, representatives from 132 Member States and many regional organizations.

We have strengthened our capacity-building model to be more results-driven, integrating priority recommendations and technical assistance needs identified by the Counter-

As such, we have embraced virtual tools and extended our programme delivery from New York to the field, upon the request by Member States to be more versatile, cost-effective, and operate closer

I would therefore like to ask for your support for this proposal by the Secretary-General, which would ensure the longer-term future and sustainability of the Office of Counter-Terrorism, and allow it to effectively execute its General Assembly mandate you have adopted in 2019.

Excellencies,

As you know, we last year launched the second iteration of the United Nations Multi-Year Appeal for Counter-Terrorism, for the period 2021-2022.

The Appeal coordinates, through an interactive tool, fundraising for 52 counter-terrorism and prevention of violent extremism projects across 12 Counter-Terrorism Compact entities and the four pillars of the Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy.

To date, the projects included in the Appeal have reported \$9.5 million in funding from 18 donors.

We are extremely thankful for the support we have received, including from some GCTF Member States.

Excellencies,

The eighth biennial review of the Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy next year will offer another opportunity for the General Assembly to again demonstrate the consensus of all Member States on the balanced, multilateral, human rights and rule of law-based approach the Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy calls for in combatting terrorism.

It is also an opportunity to take stock and provide the Global Compact a road map for our collective efforts to help Member States implement the Strategy over the subsequent two years.

As the GCTF enters its second decade of efforts, you can count on the United Nations system as your close partner.

I thank you for your attention.