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Your Royal Highnesses,  
Excellencies,



First, to provide leadership across the United Nations system on General Assembly counter-terrorism mandates. Second, to enhance coordination and coherence across the United Nations system to ensure the balanced implementation of the four pillars of the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy. Third, to strengthen the delivery of United Nations counter-terrorism capacity-building assistance to Member States. Fourth, to improve visibility, advocacy and resource mobilization for United Nations counter-terrorism efforts. And fifth, to ensure that due priority is given to counterterrorism across the United Nations system and that the important work on preventing violent extremism is firmly rooted in the Strategy.

This is an extensive and comprehensive mandate that involves multiple stakeholders across the United Nations system.

To ensure coordination across these stakeholders, the Secretary-General established the Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact in 2018. The Compact brings together 45 entities as members or observers, including 41 United Nations entities, as well as INTERPOL, the World Customs Organization, the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the Financial Action Task Force, the Compact is the largest coordination framework in the United Nations system and has contributed significantly to eliminating unnecessary redundancies, leveraging the different areas of expertise within the system and building synergies with partners.

But the core of our work is advancing the implementation of the 2006 Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, which was last reviewed by the General Assembly in June 2021 and is the cornerstone of multilateral counter-terrorism efforts. The Strategy is updated every second year with its eighth review expected to take place next summer.

UNOCT is preparing the Secretary-General's report on the implementation of the Strategy, which will be published in February 2023 and will form the baseline for negotiations between Member States during the review.

The Strategy has four broad pillars: first addressing the conditions conducive to the spread of terrorism, second measures to prevent and combat terrorism, third measures to build states' capacity to prevent and combat terrorism and to strengthen the role of the United Nations in that regard, and fourth measures to ensure respect for human rights for all and the rule of law as the fundamental basis for the fight against terrorism. It is a comprehensive document, which together with the General Assembly resolutions adopted after each review, includes provisions on a range of issues and considerations, from gender and the role of civil society to the root causes and emerging threats in the terrorism landscape.

There is one issue in particular that I would like to highlight here today.

Terrorist groups spend a lot of time targeting young people with their violent extremist narratives and propaganda, exploiting existing youth grievances with a

view to radicalize and recruit, and taking advantage of the worldwide breakdown of trust among and between peoples and institutions that the pandemic only worsened.

That is why efforts to prevent and counter terrorism must include a strategic investment in youth, including their meaningful participation in conversations about how to tackle this issue. Young people are a force to be reckoned with and a key partner in both terrorism prevention and counter-terrorism policy.

I note with appreciation the efforts to engage youth in this Colloquium in the NEXTGEN youth track – which should come as no surprise as Jordan was spearheading the Youth, Peace and Security agenda in the Security Council in 2015, under the leadership of the Crown Prince himself.

UNOCT also actively engages youth in policy dialogues and empowerment activities. This year, we are co-chairs of the United Nations Interagency Network on Youth Engagement, which has helped define and articulate prevention responses better tailored to the reality that young people face today,