

A recently completed regional project on small arms and light weapons strengthened the capacities of 500 officials through 19 tailored capacity-building activities, following roadmaps developed for each country; and

Just last month, with UNCCT support, Kyrgyzstan achieved a higher compliance rating from the Eurasian Group on the implementation of the Financial Action Task Force Recommendation 8 to prevent the abuse of the non-profit sector for terrorism financing.

Madam Chair,

Member States in Central Asia can count on the continued support of the United Nations to prevent and counter terrorism in line with their international obligations and Security Council requirements.

The Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact has registered 50 projects by six United Nations entities benefitting Central Asian countries since 2018. This includes 13 regional and 19 national projects exclusively for Central Asia, with a budget of \$40.5 million and a funding gap of \$11 million.

The United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism has already addressed, to various degrees, 36 of the 78 technical assistance recommendations for Central Asian Member States shared in 2019 by the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate.

Subject to available resources, my Office will provide support, at the request of Member States, on another 11 recommendations and will incorporate in its work findings from the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate's latest assessment visits.

For example, next year the United Nations Countering Terrorist Travel Programme will begin implementation in Kyrgyzstan and the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate will lead capacity consultations with Kazakhstan and Tajikistan.

Madam Chair, Dear Colleagues,

I would like to thank the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate, the United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia, and all our partners for their close collaboration with my Office.

I am grateful to our donors whose contributions make our capacity-building work in Central Asia possible, including the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the State of Qatar, the Russian Federation, the European Union, the United States of America and Canada.

And I would like to express my sincere appreciamy

Terrorism, including Kazakhstan's support through financial contributions and Junior Professional Officers.

I thank you for your attention.