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They have proven their creativeness time and again and used tools and technologies for harm.

One clear example is Unmanned Aircraft Systems. Improvements in the range and payload of these systems have allowed Da esh to use consumer drones to drop explosives on security forces, to surveil targets, and to film propaganda through airborne video capabilities.

Even more worrisome is that some of these systems can be used to deliver chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear materials, as we have already seen weapons.

Dear Colleagues,

Now more than ever, evidence-based and data-centric approaches are paramount to confront the terrorist threat with an effective response.

Such responses are also a precondition for devising and implementing effective, sustainable and human rights-compliant efforts aimed at preventing and countering this threat.

In this context, it is essential that our engagement is based on transparency, accountability and respect for human rights, including the right to privacy.

UNOCT, in partnership with interested Compact entities, can explore options to manage and use data for counter-terrorism capacity-building purposes. The Global Compact Platform has become a user-friendly tool to manage counter-terrorism related information, including system-wide response to counter-terrorism challenges.

In this regard, the Global United Nations Countering Terrorist Travel Programme continues to provide comprehensive and tailored support to Member States, as many as 60 Member States participating in the Programme now.

Our Global Programme on Countering the Financing of Terrorism has partnered with the United Nations Office of Information and Communications Technology to develop the software to support Financial Intelligence Units to counter the financing of terrorism and antimoney laundering. We are working closely on this topic also with our colleagues from UNODC.

And, for the first time last year, our programme offices in Madrid, Rabat and Doha leveraged their respective expertise to jointly develop an innovative project aimed at enhancing the protect60.0000 go o(1990) g0 G(1)400000(1992) 0 612 92 reW*nBTmaj(1)F1 12 61 41n 12 Tf 0 1 086 T2.024 3134(1)36(1)