



Opening remarks by Mr. Vladimir Voronkov,
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High-level hybrid event to launch the updated
United Nations Compendium of Good Practices on the Protection of Critical Infrastructure
against Terrorist Attacks

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Excellencies,
Distinguished representatives,
Dear colleagues,

I am delighted to welcome you to this high-level event to launch a new edition of the UNOCT-CTED-INTERPOL Compendium of good practices on the protection of critical infrastructure against terrorist attacks.

It is a great pleasure to do so in person from our new Programme Office in Madrid, which we will formally inaugurate tomorrow, together with the representatives of Spain and to have so many of you also be able to join us online.

I am honoured to be in the company of His Excellency Abdulla bin Ibrahim Abdulrahman Sultan Al Hamar, Ambassador of the State of Qatar to Spain, and Mr. José Luis Pérez Pajuelo Director of the Spanish National Centre on Critical Infrastructure Protection.

I am also grateful to my colleagues, Assistant Secretary-General Natalia Gherman, Executive Director of the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate and Mr. Gregory Hinds, Director for Counter-Terrorism of the International Criminal Police Organization, who are joining us online today.

A special thanks to Spain for hosting us, and to the State of Qatar for all the enduring support extended to UNOCT, including to the Global Programme on the Protection of Vulnerable Targets implemented by UNOCT, CTED, the United Nations Alliance of Civilization, and the United Nations Interregional Criminal Justice Research Institute.

Since its start in 2021, the Programme has reached two thousand and two hundred participants through 37 activities; delivered tailored technical assistance and capacity-building to five

Both the United Nations General Assembly and the Security Council have been clear in this regard. UNOCT remains committed to support Member States in their efforts to implement relevant provisions on vulnerable targets protection included in the Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy; Security Council resolutions 2341 (2017), 2396 (2017) and 2617 (2021); and the Counter-Terrorism Committee Madrid Guiding Principles and its 2018 Addendum.

Dear Colleagues,

I commend all the Member States, organizations,