UNOCT is committed to excellence and a solid results culture. In this framework, we have just completed an independent evaluation of the Programme. I am very pleased to report that this evaluation highlighted the relevance, coherence, efficiency, impact and the valuable contribution the Programme is making in addressing the critical needs of Member States in establishing or strengthening their threat detection capabilities. The evaluation also allowed us to further integrate human rights norms and standards, gender mainstreaming, and data protection as central elements of our implementation methodology. We will continue to aim for the Programme to be the "gold standard" for articulating a comprehensive approach to strengthening national capacities which promotes the protection of human rights, and supports efforts to achieve peace and security

We take pride in the fact that the success of the Programme is recognized both by independent evaluators, and most importantly, by the beneficiaries and strategic partners who are present here today.

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