Opening and Closing Remarks by Mr. Raffi Gregorian, Deputy to the Under-Secretary-General and Director, United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT)

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(Opening Remarks)

Excellencies, distinguished delegates, dear colleagues,

In the year ahead, we are confident that Member States and UN entities that attended the Dialogue will continue to work with these young leaders to take their recommendations forward.

In November, UNOCT hosted an event on "Safeguarding the Metaverse from Terrorism and Violent Extremism," as part of its "Safeguarding Digital Spaces" series, bringing together participants from the public and private sectors, civil society, and academia.

That concludes my opening remarks and I thank you for your attention.

[Closing remarks]

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Dear colleagues,

As we heard today, UNOCT has continued to make strong progress throughout the past year in delivering on our mandated functions in su

At the end of February next year, we will also publish the Secretary-General's biennial report on the implementation of the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy and look forward to supporting Canada and Tunisia as co-facilitators and all