



**Opening Remarks by Mr. Vladimir Voronkov,
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**Tajikistan on Countering Terrorism and Extremism for
2021**

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Over the past year, despite COVID-19, the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism and its Counter-Terrorism Centre have continued to deliver on our policy leadership, coordination, and capacity-building mandates, as well as on our visibility, advocacy and resource mobilization, to support Member States in their efforts to prevent and counter terrorism.

This is especially true in Central Asia, where we have been able to conduct a large number of programme activities, including those related to the Joint Plan of Action for Central Asia, the tenth anniversary of which we commemorated at the high-

national and regional action plans, that help authorities take effective steps to counter terrorism and violent extremism conducive to terrorism.

The plans developed in partnership with STRIVE Asia, such as the one that we are discussing today, are essential to the security frameworks of Member States of the Central Asian region. These plans are designed in line with the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy.

I am particularly pleased to note that the National Strategy and Action Plan of Tajikistan addresses such important issues as education, inter-communal tolerance, good governance, outreach to non-governmental actors and human rights, while paying special attention to the needs of traditionally underrepresented voices, such as youth, women, and cultural minorities.

I commend the Government of Tajikistan for this comprehensive and balanced security approach.

Ladies and gentlemen,

My Office is ready to continue supporting Tajikistan in the implementation of its National Action Plan, including by coordinating international support and offering technical and capacity-building assistance.

I invite all Member States to contribute to this important effort, especially through the provision of expertise, technical assistance, and financial support. Given the volatile regional situation and potential for spillover, such support would be both timely and impactful.

I look forward to an engaging discussion on the key elements of the Action Plan and the way forward on its implementation.

And I thank you for your attention.