



UNITED NATIONS OFFICE OF COUNTER-TERRORISM

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Launch of the “Code of Conduct for the Achievement of a Terrorism-Free World”

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Your Excellency Kairat Abdrakhmanov, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan,
Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Ministers,

On behalf of the United Nations Secretary-General, I would like to express my appreciation to you, Mr. Minister, for making this event possible and for your invitation to speak today.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Republic of Kazakhstan for its impressive work on the Security Council, including a successful Presidency in January and the able leadership of Ambassador Umarov as Chair of the 1267 Sanctions Committee concerning ISIL and Al-Qaida.

Since joining the Security Council in January 2017, Kazakhstan has helped the Council to address some of the most pressing global peace and security issues of our time, including countering terrorism.

Kazakhstan and the other countries of Central Asia have also been steadfast in their efforts to counter terrorism. The UN is proud to be a partner in these efforts. The United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre, the capacity building arm of the UN Office of Counter-Terrorism, and the United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy are delivering the third phase of the Joint Plan of Action for the Implementation of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy in Central Asia.

The Joint Plan of Action, the first regional initiative of its kind, has since become an example to other regions about what can be achieved with collective action, leadership and political will. We thank Kazakhstan and other partners for their support of the Joint Plan.

Terrorism remains a complex global challenge that affects every country represented here today.

As the threat from terrorism continues to evolve, the international community must also adapt and learn lessons from what works and what does not.

New problems require new solutions, However, what has not changed is the fact that we will only defeat terrorism if we work together.

In June, the General Assembly reviewed the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy for the sixth time since 2006.

It adopted a consensus resolution, which sets a clear direction for the counter-terrorism efforts of the United Nations and Member States over the next two years.

Immediately following the review, the United Nations Secretary-General convened the first-ever High-level Conference of Heads of Counter-Terrorism Agencies of Member States in New York at the end of June. I would like to thank Kazakhstan for active and High-Level presence at the Conference.

Both the review and the High-level Conference helped to build momentum to strengthen international counter-terrorism cooperation.

The initiative to adopt a “Code of Conduct for the Achievement of a Terrorism-Free World” by Kazakhstan contributes to this momentum.

The Code of Conduct reflects key elements of many Security Council resolutions, including resolution 2396, which urged all Member States to strengthen their efforts to enhance measures on border security, criminal justice and information sharing.

The Code of Conduct commits signatories to implement the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, as well as considering implementing the recommendations of subsequent review resolutions of the General Assembly, such as developing regional and national plans of action to counter terrorism.

Excellencies,

Kazakhstan’s initiative to develop the Code of Conduct is an important effort to support ongoing efforts to strengthen international counter-terrorism cooperation.

The Office of Counter-Terrorism stands ready to work with all of you to tackle the scourge of terrorism.

Thank you.