



**Statement by Mr. Vladimir Voronkov,
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**X INTERNATIONAL MEETING OF HIGH-LEVEL OFFICIALS
RESPONSIBLE FOR SECURITY MATTERS**

Ufa, the Russian Federation

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Dear Nikolay Platonovich,
Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

At the outset I would like to thank the organizers of today's important event held under the auspices of the Secretariat of the Security Council of the Russian Federation, for having invited me to contribute to this forum and to deliver the message of the UN Secretary-General, Mr. António Guterres. I thank the leadership of the Republic of Bashkortostan and to the Administration of Ufa for hospitality.

Today, when some countries are questioning the value of multilateralism, international forums such as this Meeting are critical. As the UN Secretary-General, Mr. António Guterres stressed less than two weeks ago at the Saint-Petersburg International Economic Forum, "Our shared duty... – is to show that we care and that international cooperation can deliver."

As the Under-Secretary-General for Counter-Terrorism in the United Nations, I would like to stress that the global threat of terrorism remains acute and requires urgent attention. Despite the territorial defeat of Da'esh, the risks posed by remaining terrorist fighters, as well as by their accomplices, remains global and require an equally global response. The ultimate condition of the final victory over terrorism – is multilateral cooperation.

Being on the Russian soil, I would like to thank Russia for its ongoing support of the efforts of the United Nations in countering terrorism, and for its unwavering contribution to the development of international counter-terrorism cooperation. I would like to express my gratitude to Russia, as well as to the Saudi Arabia, Qatar, the Netherlands, the European Union, and other sponsors, thanks to whose voluntary contributions, the UN Office of Counter-Terrorism, has become a reality.

And now I have the honor to deliver the message of the Secretary-General Guterres.

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

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**MESSAGE TO THE X INTERNATIONAL MEETING OF HIGH-LEVEL REPRESENTATIVES ON
SECURITY ISSUES**

Ufa, Russian Federation, 17-20 June 2019

I am pleased to once again greet this high-level meeting on security issues.

I commend the Russian Federation for continuing this important initiative and I welcome this year's focus on national security, sustainable development and humanitarian response.

These are critical challenges. Improving our understanding of the links among them, and developing common approaches to addressing them, are essential in the face of multifaceted transnational threats and an increasingly complex global peace and security environment.

The United Nations will continue pursuing a surge in diplomacy for peace, with greater attention to conflict prevention, mediation and conflict resolution. We are also strengthening our efforts against terrorism, violent extremism, hate speech and intolerance. We are equally committed to supporting countries in their efforts to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Yet, our advances are at risk of being undermined by the worsening impacts of climate change. The global climate emergency is an existential threat, affecting security and development alike. We need stronger political will to address it. We have no time to lose. To mobilize ambition, solutions, partnerships and finance, I am convening a Climate Action Summit in September. I have asked leaders to bring concrete plans.

No country or organization alone can address these challenges. Together we can seize today's opportunities for progress. I count on your engagement and wish you a fruitful meeting.

I thank you for your attention.