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**MESSAGE TO SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL
COUNTER-TERRORISM COMMITTEE ON
“COUNTERING THE USE OF NEW AND EMERGING
TECHNOLOGIES FOR TERRORIST PURPOSES”**

Mumbai, 28 October 2022 and New Delhi, 29 October 2022

I thank the Republic of India for organizing this Special Meeting of the Counter-Terrorism Committee.

New and emerging technologies have unmatched potential to improve the human condition everywhere. Regrettably, they have also been misused by many, including malicious actors.

Terrorists and others espousing hateful ideologies are abusing new and emerging technologies to spread disinformation, foment discord, recruit and radicalize, mobilize resources, and execute attacks. The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted many vulnerabilities to such misuse.

We must adopt concrete measures to reduce these vulnerabilities while committing to protect all human rights in the digital sphere.

This can only be achieved through effective multilateralism and international cooperation, anchoring our responses in the values and obligations of the United Nations Charter and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
