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**Special meeting of the Counter-Terrorism Committee commemorating the
20th anniversary of the adoption of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001)
and the establishment of the Counter-Terrorism Committee**

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Mr. Chair,
Excellencies,

Thank you very much for inviting me to join you in closing this special meeting of the Counter-Terrorism Committee, commemorating the twentieth anniversary of Security Council resolution 1373 and the establishment of this Committee.

The Security Council has provided critical and sustained impetus and guidance to United Nations counter-terrorism efforts in the wake of the 9/11 terrorist attacks in the United States.

All commemoration-year long we have had a healthy, collective reflection on how much we have achieved holding and pushing back terrorism in the last two decades and the remaining work and evolving threat that lies ahead of us.

With the benefit of hindsight, we have identified what we need to do better in our common pursuit of a world free from terrorism, in the defense of the rule of law, human rights, gender equality and shared prosperity.

We owe it to the victims; we owe it to the new generations.

Excellencies,

The Secretary-General, in his recent recommendation to develop a New Agenda for Peace in the framework of Our Common Agenda, highlighted that terrorism remains a strategic security risk.

The Security Council can count on the United Nations system, and my Office in particular, to continue supporting Member States to tackle terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, as a threat to international peace and security.

A threat that is jeopardizing hard-earned gains in sustaining peace and sustainable development; that is polarizing societies and undermining trust in government.

I am pleased that my Office, given its leadership, coordination and capacity-building mandate on counter-terrorism, was able to contribute to your plenary discussions today.

We have come a long way in the reform of the United Nations counter-terrorism architecture and we now need to leverage these gains fully, as underlined in the seventh review of the Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy in June.

Therefore, we look forward to the renewal, in the next weeks, of the mandate of our close partner, the Executive Directorate supporting this Committee.

The last time CTED's mandate was renewed, UNOCT was just six months old, and I had just assumed the honour of serving as the first Under-Secretary-General of the Office of Counter-Terrorism.

Security Council resolution 2395 provided a framework for my Office to develop its partnership with CTED, and its engagement with this Committee which we look forward to deepening.

I take this opportunity, in conclusion, to pay tribute to Assistant Secretary-General Coninx for the great collaboration we have established, and the results we have achieved. My sincere thanks to you, dear Michèle.

And to you, Ambassador Ladeb, for Tunisia's successful chairmanship of this Committee over the past two years, as well as for your personal engagement and support.

Thank you.