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Distinguished Chair, Ambassador Alwasil,
Your Excellencies,
Co-facilitators of the review process,
Ladies and gentlemen,

I am pleased to help open this meeting of the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre Advisory Board.

I am particularly pleased that this meeting will dedicate its first segment to the upcoming review of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, which will be the focus of my opening remarks.

Before I proceed further, I wish to thank you and all Member States for supporting the increased Regular Budget allocation for the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism. The conversion of 25 core extrabudgetary posts to the regular budget is an important step towards further institutionalizing the Office, enabling more resources to be allocated for our capacity-building programming. Thank you again for helping place our Office in a more firm and sustainable footing.

The Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy is the cornerstone of multilateral cooperation to counter and prevent terrorism and violent extremism conducive to terrorism. Its integrated and balanced implementation by Member States represents the best path for our collective success in this endeavour.

As you know, all activities of the Office of Counter-Terrorism, including its Counter-Terrorism Centre, are firmly anchored in the Strategy and relevant Security Council resolutions.

The Strategy and its review resolutions serve as the key strategic guidance for the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre, as we develop and implement programmes and projects that respond to the changing needs of beneficiary Member States in the face of an evolving threat landscape.

For example, in response to priorities set out in the seventh review resolution, the Centre has increased its programming support in the areas of prosecution, rehabilitation and reintegration of foreign terrorist fighters and associated family members, combating terrorist use of weapons, developing regional counter-terrorism strategies, and countering the use of new technologies for terrorist purposes, among others.

The seventh review resolution makes several references to the role and work of the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre, recognizing the value that the Centre brings to capacity-building of Member States. It is my hope that the eighth review resolution follows this same important trend.

Excellencies,
Ladies and gentlemen,

The upcoming eighth review of the Strategy will represent an opportunity not only to ensure that the Strategy remains current and fit for purpose, but also that international attention on counter-terrorism does not waver. We are looking for consensus adoption of the General Assembly review resolution, as has always been the case since the Strategy's first adoption in 2006.

The Secretary-General's report on the activities of the United Nations system in implementing the Strategy to be released by 28 February will help inform the review process.

The report will reflect information received from, and consultations held with, a wide range of stakeholders, from Member States to Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact entities to civil society.

I take this opportunity to thank the members of the Advisory Board who shared their input for this report with my Office.

Before we proceed to the briefings by the co-facilitators of the upcoming review of the Strategy, I wish to congratulate the Permanent Representatives of Canada and Tunisia on their appointment.

The United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism will provide you, Ambassadors, with full support in its capacity as substantive secretariat of the review process.

I would also like to underscore the importance of multilateralism in countering the scourge of terrorism. Since no one country can defeat terrorism on its own, we must develop joint solutions in keeping with the United Nations Charter, international law, international humanitarian law, and international human rights law.

I look forward to hearing the reflections of our co-facilitators and the Advisory Board members on the eighth review of the Strategy, which will guide our programming to support Member States' capacities to counter and respond to terrorism.

And I thank you.