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**Your Excellency Mr. Antonio Guterres, UN Secretary-General,
Your Excellency Mr. Vladimir Voronkov, Undersecretary for the UNOCT
Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,**

I am honored to participate once again in this pivotal high-level meeting of the Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact Committee, which brings together UN entities and partners active in counterterrorism efforts. This Committee and the Compact, through its thematic Working Groups, exemplify the kind of critical strategic coordination and coherence that meet the expectations of member states.

Given the crucial role of the CT Compact, the State of Qatar is proud to be a provider of financial support for its secretariat and seed funding for projects implemented through its working groups, as well as its Coordination Platform launched in 2020 as a digital gateway for fostering efficient and inclusive partnerships and collaboration its entities and member States.

Dear Colleagues,

The focus of this year's meeting is timely. With Africa becoming increasingly significant in the global terrorism and counter-terrorism landscape, it is essential for the Coordination Compact to concentrate on the unique challenges and opportunities in the continent. We need identification of emerging challenges, gaps in response and areas of possible action. Accordingly, coordinated concrete measures need to be taken by governments, regional organizations, civil society, and the UN system to address these challenges.

UNOCT took significant steps in supporting African nations to enhance their counterterrorism capabilities by the establishment of UNOCT offices and programmes in Kenya and Morocco. In addition, the numerous global programmes implemented by UNOCT and CT Compact partners, many of them funder by the State of Qatar, have significant activities and projects in African countries.

During the Counterterrorism Week last June, I had the honour to co-host the launch of the Joint Appeal for Counterterrorism in Africa, to support multi-partner initiatives representing multilateral action to deliver integrated and innovative responses to complex priority challenges across Africa.

My country's support includes technical assistance in various African countries, as well as initiatives aimed to help in combating the root causes of violent extremism, including through education and employment opportunities, and training programs, which are implemented by Qatari institutions, such as Silatech and Education for All.

Later this year, the State of Qatar, in cooperation with Morocco, will co-organize the Second Annual Forum of Beneficiaries of Technical Assistance, which aims to evaluate the effectiveness of the technical assistance and capacity-building provided by UNOCT and CT Compact entities. The Forum will dedicate considerable focus to Africa and the progress and results of the Joint Appeal initiatives.

Dear Colleagues,

It is imperative for the activities of the CT Compact and its forthcoming Joint Programme of Work to be aligned with the periodic review of the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy. To do so it is beneficial to continue to strengthening partnerships with the relevant stakeholders, including governments, regional organizations, civil society organizations and of course the United Nations system.

Incorporating human rights, legal, and gender perspectives into all efforts is crucial. Equally important is the need for continual monitoring and evaluation to assess the real impact of the projects, while ensuring that support to countries aligns with their national priorities.

I will conclude by expressing appreciation to UNOCT and the other members of the Global CT Compact for their efforts and dedication to this vital endeavour.

Thank you.