

Statement of Under-Secretary-General Vladimir Voronkov
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High-Level Meeting on "International Cooperation to Combat the Use of the Internet
for Terrorist Purposes: Opportunities and Challenge"

In the sixth review resolution of the Global Counterterrorism Strategy, member States expressed importance of cooperation among stakeholders to prevent misuse of new technologies by terrorists. It is going on about member States, international, regional and subregional organizations, the private sector and civil society. Of course, this issue should be addressed with all respect to human

An important aspect in the context of the use of social media and the Internet is the youth. Today, 74 per cent of the world's population is twenty-four years old or younger.

As one of the four themes of the High Level Conference of Heads of counterterrorism agencies focusses on preventing violent extremism by engaging youth and preventing the misuse of new technologies and the Internet by terrorists, our colleagues of the U.S. Alliance of Civilizations will organize a side event on Friday, 14 June, on behalf of the U.S. inter-agency working group on communications. The topic of the event is Countering and Preventing Violent Extremism through Communications and Empowerment Strategies involving youth. I would like to invite you to this important event.

In collaboration with UNESCO and the League of Arab States (LAS), we have developed a project that aims to promote dialogue, tolerance and openness through the media to counter narratives associated with terrorism in the Arab region. The project's objective is to promote digital literacy, critical thinking, intercultural dialogue and an understanding of rights and ethical principles and to empower users and consumers of media.

In closing, I would like to express my sincere thanks for organizing this important event.

Thank you.