

## Press Release

United Nations International Conference on Victims of Terrorism in Spain gives a message of global solidarity and calls for greater support for victims worldwide

Vitoria-Gasteiz (Spain), 8 October 2024 - The United Nations International Conference on Victims of Terrorism, co-organized by the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT) and the Kingdom of Spain, on 8 and 9 October 2024, started today at the Palacio de Congresos Europa in Vitoria-Gasteiz.

The Conference aims to express solidarity with all victims of terrorism around the world and review progress on the international victims of terrorism agenda, as a direct outcome of the United Nations Global Congress of Victims of Terrorism held in New York in 2023.

Held under the theme "Education as a Tool for Prevention, Peacebuilding and Empowerment of Victims of Terrorism," the International Conference is gathering over 100 participants, including 15 Member States, 10 victims of terrorism and victims' associations and numerous UN representatives to discuss the role of victims and survivors of terrorism as educators, peacebuilders and agents for change.

of the Republic of Iraq to Spain speaking on behalf of H.E. Mr. Fuad Hussein, Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of the Republic of Iraq.

Maidor Etxebarria, Mayor of Vitoria-Gasteiz, the city hosting the conference, gave an address welcoming