



**Distinguished Guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen,
Dear Colleagues,**

partnerships across governments, international organizations, civil society, academia, and the private sector.

The Republic of Iraq has long been at the forefront of the fight against violent extremism. Our history is a testament to the resilience of our people and the power of collective action. In recent years, Iraq has made significant strides in rebuilding communities torn apart by the scourge of violent extremism conducive to terrorism.

In line with the Secretary-General's Plan of Action to Prevent Violent Extremism, we have prioritized whole-of-government and whole-of-society approaches. By engaging local communities, empowering civil society organizations, and fostering inter-religious and inter-ethnic dialogue, Iraq is working to build an environment where violent extremist ideologies cannot take root.

Our collaboration with the United Nations and our regional partners has further strengthened our capacities in addressing the drivers of violent extremism. We have seen the positive impact of initiatives that promote mental health and psychosocial support, counter violent extremist narratives, and raise awareness on the responsible use of new technologies, such as Artificial Intelligence. Iraq remains committed to supporting these multilateral efforts and sharing the lessons learned from our experience.

Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen, dear colleagues,

Today's event offers a unique forum, uniting the UN system, Member States and global partners to share insights on how innovative programming support can assist

as and when conducive to terrorism, and to enhance international cooperation in this regard.

Let me reiterate Iraq's deep commitment to the prevention of violent extremism as and when conducive to terrorism. Together, we can transform this day into a milestone for collective action - one that strengthens the pillars of peace and security for generations to come.

Terrorism is a byproduct of hatred and violence, stemming from extremism and fanaticism. These concepts have become more prevalent today for various reasons that are too numerous to detail. However, the most important aspect is that we are gathered here to protect our countries from these threats through constructive partnerships, cooperation, and the exchange of expertise, experiences, and information. We have no option but to move forward in charting a path toward global peace, in alignment with the principles of human rights and the divine laws, all of which categorically reject all forms of abhorrent extremism.

Thanks for your attendance and we look forward to hearing from you during the event.

Thank you.