
Madam Chair, thank you for this opportunity to contribute to your deliberations.

This Special Meeting on the collective UN-wide CT efforts is very timely, given the GA's 7th Review of the GCTS which brought several issues to the forefront of the UN's CT agenda –

While the terrorism landscape has been subject to several changes, one thing which has remained the same over the years is our shared understanding that strong partnerships - among UN bodies and regional and international organizations - offers the best chance of effectively preventing and countering terrorism.

Of equal importance is the multi-agency cooperation with actors both within and beyond the security sector - including, civil society organizations, victims of terrorism, women and children, youth, among others.

One of the more significant developments since the adoption of UNSCR 1373 (2001) has been the establishment of formalized cooperation mechanisms such as the Global CT Coordination Compact - and OCT, to which UNODC is an active contributor.

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At the same time, VE and terrorism do not exist in a vacuum. Addressing its root causes which are aggravated by socio-economic factors must be implemented in parallel with measures that are focused on strengthening MS' institutional capacity to counter terrorism.

This is an area in which UNODC is well-placed to offer its support – both as a technical assistance provider and partner.

Over the last 20 years, we have seen a multitude of new threats and challenges emerge on the terrorism landscape – but these are challenges we can only overcome if we work together.

We must continue to work in a comprehensive and integrated manner – utilizing one another's unique expertise and skills to develop people-centred approaches, and promote inclusive whole-of-society, and whole-of-government policies and practices-including women and youth- to effectively prevent and counter terrorism.

We look forward to continuing to build on our invaluable partnership with CTC/CTED and other key partners, including OCT, to address CT challenges.

Thank you, Madam Chair.