

**Open meeting of the Counter-Terrorism Committee on
countering terrorist narratives and preventing terrorist use of the Internet**

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Opening statement of

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The Counter-Terrorism Committee has paid close attention to the challenges of countering terrorist narratives, and preventing terrorist abuse of the Internet and other social media, as part of our commitment to supporting States in their counter-terrorism efforts.

In its presidential statement of 11 May 2016, , the Security Council recognized the urgent need to counter the ways in which ISIL, Al-Qaida, and associated terrorist entities use narratives, including distorted religious narratives, to encourage, motivate and recruit others to commit terrorist acts.

This PRST led the way to, in 2017, a **Comprehensive International Framework to Counter Terrorist Narratives** , which consists of three elements: (i) legal and law enforcement measures in accordance with international law, including the relevant United Nations resolutions; (ii) the development of public-private partnerships; and (iii) the development of counter-narratives.

In resolution 2354, adopted one year ago, the Council encouraged the international community to take action in this critical domain, and stated that efforts to counter terrorist narratives can benefit through **engagement with a wide range of actors**, including youth, families, women, religious, cultural, and education leaders, and other concerned groups of civil society.

In our meeting today, we should bear in **incitement to commit terrorist acts**, recognized by the Council in its resolution 1624 of 2005.

There is growing concern that information and communications technologies have been persistently exploited by terrorist groups, including for purposes of terrorist incitement, using explicitly violent content and messages that seek to promote and glorify acts of terrorism to promote and glorify

