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Your Excellency, Senator Gabriela Cuevas Barron, President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union,

Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen,

Let me begin by expressing our solidarity with the victims of terrorism around the world and with all the countries that have suffered terrorist attacks.

I respectfully request all of you to kindly stand up for a minute of silence to honor the victims of terrorism.

Dear Colleagues,

I thank the Government of Hungary for co-organizing this landmark conference with the United Nations, and for the warm hospitality extended to all participants.

I would also like to commend the commitment and contribution of Hungary to strengthening international cooperation against terrorism, including through their support and close collaboration with my Office.

I am also grateful for the discussions between the United Nations and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade over the past months that have brought us to today's signing of a Host Country Agreement between the United Nations and Hungary.

The Host Country Agreement for the UN Programme Support Office when ratified will officially bring the UN Office of Counter-Terrorism into the family of UN entities present in

entities, including UNICEF, UNHCR, the Food and Agriculture Organization, the World Health Organization, among others.

Dear colleagues,

Terrorism in all its forms and manifestations remains a pressing and evolving global challenge.

It seeks to rip apart the social fabric that binds our shared humanity.

I am delighted to see civil society representatives from around the world here today.

I want to pay tribute to the incredible work that they do, often in difficult and dangerous circumstances.

This conference is also an opportunity to share innovative ideas to ensure that women are at the center of our efforts to prevent and counter terrorism and violent extremism conducive to terrorism.

Their meaningful inclusion will strengthen our own responses.

We must draw on their leadership and influence and tap into their expertise and experiences. Let us not forget that misogyny often underpins violent extremism.

Fifth, I look forward to our discussion tomorrow morning on identifying concrete ways to harness the creativity, energy and power of young people to strengthen resilience against terrorism.

Young people are the main target of recruitment efforts of terrorist groups.

Many young people display extraordinary resilience in the face of adversity. They courageously face terrorism and violent extremism among their peers and in their communities.

We need to recognize their unique role and further engage and support them as meaningful partners and respected leaders.

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