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In the face of these challenges, Security Council resolution 2462, adopted in March this year, highlights the importance of strong and concerted international action to counter terrorist financing.

The resolution specifically mandates my Office to enhance its UN-wide coordination and capacity-building work in this area.

The United Nations Counter-Terrorism Center within my Office, serves as a Centre of Excellence and a major technical assistance provider to many Member States on a wide range of topics, including on countering the financing of terrorism.

The Center is currently developing a multi-year global programme on this issue that we expect to launch early 2020.

The programme will be based on four key pillars: awareness raising; national assessments; legislative frameworks; and operational capacity-building.

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Under this initiative, the first sub-regional meeting to take place in Istanbul next month will be for countries from the East African region – Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda.

My Office will take stock of tangible progress made on countering the financing of terrorism during the Second United Nations Counter-Terrorism Week next year, when the Secretary-General will convene the first-ever Global Congress of Victims of Terrorism and the second UN High-level Conference of Heads of Counter-