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Doha, 28-29 March 2022 - The United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT) and the State of Qatar convened the first Annual Forum of Beneficiaries of Technical Assistance in Doha.

Bringing together recipients, providers and donors of technical and capacity-building assistance in counter-terrorism and prevention and countering of violent extremism (CT/PCVE), the objective of the Beneficiaries Forum was to review the results-based performance and progress of UNOCT programmes, projects and activities funded by the State of Qatar with the goal of improving programme design and delivery.

The one-and-a-half-day Forum comprised of six thematic sessions provided a platform for beneficiaries to share their assessments of the CT/PCVE assistance received through UNOCT and its implementing partners in the United Nations system. It also enabled UNOCT and its implementing partners to reflect on how to adjust and strengthen programme planning and implementation in CT/PCVE to better respond to beneficiaries' needs and expectations.

At the opening session, Mr. **Vladimir Voronkov**, Under-Secretary-General, United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism thanked State of Qatar for its support to global efforts to counter-terrorism and the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism, in particular. "The Beneficiaries Forum is the first large-scale UNOCT event, which brings together beneficiaries, providers and donors of technical assistance, to assess the progress and performance of the policy, coordination and capacity-building work carried out with Counter-Terrorism Compact entities and our national, regional and global partners", he stated.

H.E. Soltan bin Saad Al- Muraikhi, State Minister for Foreign Affairs, announced the State of Qatar's decision to renew its support to the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism with the amount of \$15 million, annually for a period of three years, from 2024 to 2026. This illustrates the State of Qatar's high priority to support efforts to combat terrorism at the national, regional and international levels and the central role of the United Nations.

The Forum was attended by senior representatives from Member States, international and regional organizations, and civil society organizations as well as Member of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Compact including **Mr. Miguel Ángel Moratinos**, High Representative for the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC); **Mr. Edmund Fitton-Brown**, Coordinator of the United Nations Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team; **Ms. Cristina Duarte**, United Nations

Under-Secretary-General and Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA); and **Mr. Weixong** Chen (virtually), Acting Executive Director, Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED).

An outcome document of the Beneficiaries Forum will be prepared with key guiding principles, good practices and recommendations for consideration in the enhancement of technical and capacity-building assistance by UNOCT and its implementing partners going forward.

The Beneficiaries Forum is the first in a series of annual forums to be co-organized by UNOCT and the State of Qatar.

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