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**Excellencies,**

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

The General Debate of the 77th Session of the General Assembly in September highlighted that countering terrorism remains an urgent priority among Member States most impacted by the threat.

The General Debate also underscored that Member States continue to face considerable challenges in their counter-terrorism efforts and attach high importance to the support of the United Nations in this regard.

In the third quarter of 2022, UNOCT continued to deliver on its policy and coordination mandate, and my presentation today will address these efforts since our last briefing.

I will begin with an update on key activities carried out by UNOCT in support of its **policy leadership role**.

First, UNOCT convened several high-profile events.

Following its preparation of the Secretary-General's report on terrorist attacks on the basis of xenophobia, racism and other forms of intolerance, or in the name of religion or belief launched in August 2022, UNOCT held a virtual high-level event in November to discuss its findings and recommendations, as well as policy and programmatic implications and potential responses to the threat.

Some 600 representatives from Member States, international and regional organizations, Counter-Terrorism Compact entities and civil society followed the event demonstrating strong support to UNOCT's policy leadership in bringing together key stakeholders on this emerging priority issue.

This strong support was also evidenced during the High-Level Conference on "International and Regional Border Security and Management Cooperation to Counter Terrorism and Prevent the Movement of Terrorists", as highlighted by His Excellency earlier. This event brought together some 900 participants from 59 Member States, 18 international and regional organizations, 12 Counter-Terrorism Compact entities, and 30 non-governmental organizations.

We were pleased to support the Conference outcomes discussed earlier, including the Dushanbe Declaration on Border Security and Management Cooperation to Counter Terrorism and Prevent the Movement of Terrorists.

Second, UNOCT continued to strengthen its engagement with regional partners, particularly from the Africa.

Last month, USG Voronkov briefed Permanent Representatives of the African Group on the current terrorism landscape and provided an update on the African Counter-Terrorism Summit to be held in Nigeria, in October 2023.

The Summit will seek to mobilize more international support for African States affected by terrorism and violent extremism.

Moreover, UNOCT plans to convene the Third Counter-Terrorism Week in 2023, which will serve as a building block in the lead-up to the Summit.

Third, the eighth biennial review of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy in 2023 will represent a decisive moment to renew international attention on terrorism and develop a roadmap for the following two years.

UNOCT is finalizing the next Secretary-General's report on progress made in implementing the Strategy since the last review in 2021.

The report will be published in February 2023 and will outline the Secretary-General's priority areas and inform Member States' negotiations.

I would like to thank the 38 Member States who provided inputs, which together with those received from 5 international and regional organizations, 17 Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact entities and 22 civil society organizations, will inform the report.

We also look forward to engaging the co-facilitators – Canada and Tunisia – in our role as substantive secretariat support to the process.

We are also working with DPPA, DPO and ODA in preparing the Secretary-General's New Agenda for Peace, which is due in 2023 and expected to present tangible recommendations to address today's complex convergence of risks, including terrorism.

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I will now update you on UNOCT's efforts to enhance **coordination and coherence** across the UN system, and the important role played by the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact in this regard.

As mentioned by DUSG Gregorian earlier, the Counter-Terrorism Compact continues to enjoy strong support from Member States, growing recognition from international partners, and sustained commitment from its participants towards an “All-of-UN” approach.

This work has been facilitated by its Coordination Platform, where over 942 focal points of 45 Compact entities, 136 Member States and 11 regional organizations collaborate and share information, with over 153,000 visits since its launch in 2020.

We are currently developing a dedicated page for Member States on the Platform to facilitate the sharing of country-specific counter-terrorism information, and a revised questionnaire will be shared for Member States’ kind inputs early next year.

Additionally, and building on the outcomes of the Coordination Committee meeting held last June, the ninth Coordination Committee meeting will take place on 24-25 January 2023.

The meeting will be opened by the Secretary-General and will seek to stimulate a forward-looking discussion on “The Changing Counter-Terrorism Landscape and Evidence-Based/Data-Centric Responses to the Terrorist Threat”.

For the first time, the Global Counterterrorism Forum (GCTF) will be invited, and I am pleased to see the growing cooperation between the Counter-Terrorism Compact and the GCTF.

The next Partnership Consultation Meeting between the Counter-Terrorism Compact and the GCTF is likely to be held virtually in March 2023.

**Excellencies,**

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

Let me conclude by thanking all our partners for their invaluable support to the policy and coordination work of UNOCT over the past quarter.

We look forward to continuing working together to address the challenges posed by terrorism.

**Thank you.**