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Opening remarks by Mr. Vladimir Voronkov, Under-Secretary-General for Counter-Terrorism

The launch of the Parliamentary Handbook on the UN Security Council resolution 1373 (2001)

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Excellencies,
Honourable Members of Parliament,
Ladies and gentlemen,

It is my great pleasure to address you today for the launch of our Parliamentary Handbook to Promote the Implementation of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1373 (2001).

This Handbook is a reference tool that will guide the important work of complying with the obligations set forth by the above-mentioned resolution and its subsequent mandates.

This landmark resolution adopted unanimously in the wake of the horrific 9/11 attacks recognized that terrorism constitutes a threat to international peace and security. Acting under Chapter VII of the United Nations Charter, the Security Council defined specific obligations for all Member States and a broad counter-terrorism mandate for the international community to strengthen cooperation in the fight against terrorism.

We will never stress enough the fundamental role that parliamentarians play through their legislative, budgetary, and oversight powers in implementing and ensuring Member States' compliance with these resolutions.

That is why the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism established a dedicated Programme Office on Parliamentary Engagement based in Doha. I would like to reiterate my sincere gratitude to the Shura Council of the State of Qatar for their generous support to this critical work strand.

I am also grateful for the collective efforts that led to the development of this Handbook which captures the expertise and insights of the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism, the Shura Council of the State of Qatar, the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED), Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact entities and other distinguished contributors.

Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

With the current challenges facing global counterterrorism efforts, this Handbook is designed to ensure that national counterterrorism measures are developed, promulgated, and implemented in accordance with international human rights and humanitarian laws. This Handbook aims to raise awareness, provide concrete guidance, and share good practices to support you in navigating these challenges.

As we move forward, let us remember that these efforts are not just about compliance and implementation of international resolutions. They are about empowering Member States to effectively tackle the threats of terrorism and violent extremism that pose a global threat to our security and undermine our shared values.

I would like to reiterate the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism's commitment to assist Member States in their counter-terrorism efforts, and to promote inter-parliamentary dialogue and cooperation in that regard.

I look forward to the outcomes of this launch event as well as the actions and commitments from the Fifth Counter-Terrorism Coordination Meeting of Parliamentary Assemblies.

Thank you.