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Thank you Chair for giving me the floor.

1. I am glad to take part in this event today. I thank the United Nations Global Counterterrorism Coordination Compact Entities for organising this important event. This event comes at a critical time in prevention and combating of terrorism and violent extremism, as we approach a post-pandemic period.
2. Terrorism is like the sun: you know it's there but it is hard to stare at for a long period of time.
3. Risk is the same way: just down the street from here on Wall Street, those who take large and continuous risks leading to systemic risk forget or ignore the risks they are taking. They eventually blow themselves up, and, as has happened rather regularly, the entire financial system with them. They spark bailouts at many multiples of the original sums they were betting on.

4. This is the perfect analogy for investing against the systemic risks of terrorism. We have seen terrorists dismantle states leading to paradigm shifting humanitarian disasters.
5. As we speak, they are still spreading their tentacles and entire regions are groaning under their assaults on government, populations and against the decades of private and public investment in development.
6. I recommend that none of us make the mistake of characterising this challenge as an African one. That is a false reading of the present challenge of Jihadist terrorism and its ambitions. No country is immune to this risk, and those that are so confident as to make scarce investment in counter terrorism are like the bankers to pile on the risk without a sufficient hedge.
7. Responding to this multi-year appeal is systemic risk management for the international system. If you care for maintenance of a viable, stable international multilateral system that is able to cope with climate change and to deliver sustainable development then you should be an investor in counter terrorism.
8. Do not treat terrorism as a black swan event. It is a known risk that exposes and intensifies the very fragilities you are trying to mitigate and reverse across a range of challenges and opportunities.
9. Not dealing with it is risking your entire investment.
10. I will not deal with the details of programming, those that have spoken have done so. What I wish to do is request you share my awareness of the importance of making this investment as a strategic imperative.
11. Kenya welcomes the establishment of the United Nations Office of Counterterrorism Programme Office in Nairobi. We believe that this office, in partnership with Kenya and regional governments, will help deliver countering

violent extremism and counter terrorism initiatives that substantively help protect states from terrorism risk.

12. We look forward to the capacity building initiatives and technical support that will greatly serve the region in its counterterrorism efforts.
13. I thank you for your attention.