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High-Level Conference on “Strengthening International Counter-Terrorism Cooperation and Building Agile Border Security Mechanisms opens in Kuwait City

Kuwait City, 3 November 2024 – The High-Level Conference on “Strengthening International Counter-Terrorism Cooperation and Building Agile Border Security Mechanisms – The Kuwait Phase of the Dushanbe Process” opened in Kuwait City, Kuwait will start its work tomorrow. This two-

stability and peaceful life in the vast expanses of the world is one of the main goals of the foreign policy of the state of Tajikistan” .

Mr. Vladimir Voronkov, United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Counter-Terrorism:

“This gathering reaffirms our collective commitment to multilateralism and counter-terrorism cooperation, and our shared goal of building secure and resilient borders to safeguard global peace and security. International counter-terrorism cooperation should be the beacon for inspiring all stakeholders toward effective coordination and cooperation to secure their countries, and to prevent terrorist movements and operations across national borders. I am confident that the Kuwait Phase of the Dushanbe Process will bolster regional and international counter-terrorism cooperation and help achieve a Future Free from Terrorism” .

The Kuwait Phase event is a continuation of the Dushanbe Process on countering terrorism and its financing, launched by Tajikistan in 2018. Hosted and financed by the state of Kuwait this year, it will be the fourth iteration of the Dushanbe Process, following previous international conferences which were all held in Dushanbe in 2018, 2019 and 2022. It provides a pivotal platform for strengthening regional and international cooperation on border security in the context of counter-terrorism. By bringing together countries and regions of the League of Arab States, Central Asia, Africa, and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), furthermore, the Kuwait Phase will broaden the scope and impact of the Dushanbe Process beyond its initial region.

The conference is attended by over 500 participants, including 33 Ministers and officials from 91 Member States, as well as representatives from 15 United Nations entities, 14 international and regional organizations, and 14 civil society organizations. They will have the opportunity to share experiences, exchange lessons learned and discuss ways to counter emerging threats, enhance international cooperation and integrate human rights and rule of law while countering terrorism.

The Conference will conclude on 5 November with the adoption of the
which will reflect the discussions, insights and perspectives participants, serving as a guiding document for counter-terrorism efforts and capacity-building in the area of border security.