







Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen,

Against this background, I am grateful that the partnership between the OSCE and my Office is built on a solid foundation, including the 2019-2021 Joint Action Plan. We have advanced our practical collaboration and mutually benefited from expertise in our respective organizations on countering terrorist travel and border security management, for instance through our annual Passenger Data Seminars.

In light of the challenges identified throughout Counter-Terrorism Week, it is very timely to increase cooperation between our organizations on countering the financing of terrorism and the use of new technologies and the Internet. I have previously discussed this with Secretary General Schmid, and I hope we can deepen our institutional dialogue on these issues.

Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen,

I look forward to deepening cooperation between OSCE and UNOCT and the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Compact entities to counter the scourge of terrorism through enhanced multilateral cooperation.

I wish you a very successful meeting and productive deliberations. I thank you.