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- Madam Chair, thank you for this opportunity to contribute to your deliberations.
  - This Special Meeting on the collective UN-wide CT efforts is very timely, given the GA's 7<sup>th</sup> Review of the GCTS which brought several issues to the forefront of the UN's CT agenda –

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- While the terrorism landscape has been subject to several changes, one thing which has remained the same over the years is our shared understanding that strong partnerships - among UN bodies and regional and international organizations - offers the best chance of effectively preventing and countering terrorism.
  - Of equal importance is the multi-agency cooperation with actors both within and beyond the security sector - including, civil society organizations, victims of terrorism, women and children, youth, among others.
  - One of the more significant developments since the adoption of UNSCR 1373 (2001) has been the establishment of formalized cooperation mechanisms such as the Global CT Coordination Compact - and OCT, to which UNODC is an active contributor.

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- At the same time, VE and terrorism do not exist in a vacuum. Addressing its root causes which are aggravated by socio-economic factors must be implemented in parallel with measures that are focused on strengthening MS' institutional capacity to counter terrorism.
  - This is an area in which UNODC is well-placed to offer its support – both as a technical assistance provider and partner.
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- Over the last 20 years, we have seen a multitude of new threats and challenges emerge on the terrorism landscape – but these are challenges we can only overcome if we work together.
- We must continue to work in a comprehensive and integrated manner – utilizing one another's unique expertise and skills to develop people-centred approaches, and promote inclusive whole-of-society, and whole-of-government policies and practices-including women and youth- to effectively prevent and counter terrorism.
- We look forward to continuing to build on our invaluable partnership with CTC/CTED and other key partners, including OCT, to address CT challenges.
- Thank you, Madam Chair.