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Mr. Chair,

Thank you for convening this special meeting. The 20-year anniversary of the CTC and the resolution establishing it is a suitable opportunity to ponder and reflect on the overall process, achievements, gaps, lessons learned and to reassess priorities and m

religion, nationality or civilization. If we learned anything over the past 20 years, it is that such principles are essential for the effectiveness and success of counterterrorism efforts.

We have also learned that it is essential to address the root causes of terrorism and the underlying conditions and drivers that enable it to spread and operate. In that regard the State of Qatar has been actively pursuing policies in service of the achievement of SDGs, guaranteeing the right to education, and engagement and employment of the youth among others.

In addition, the past 20 years have taught us that terrorism is an ever-changing challenge, which requires constant coping with the emerging threats and aspects, such as terrorists exploiting new ICT, UATs and digital financial instruments to recruit and commit their criminal acts.

In this respect it is reassuring that the Council has kept up with the multifaceted aspects of the terrorist threat and adopted resolutions addressing issues ranging from FTFs to financing for terrorism to threats to civil aviation and soft targets.

Taking into account the need to be one step ahead of the terrorist threat, the State of Qatar has been supporting UNOCT's strategic programs especially in cutting-edge areas, such as behavioural insights.

Mr. Chair,

I would like to take the opportunity of this solemn occasion to express condolences to the families of victims