

Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen,

I am very pleased to speak to you today, commemorating the 20th anniversary of the

In doing so, it is crucial that we also address root causes conducive to terrorism and violent extremism. The extraordinary work of Mr. Boon with his victims of voice initiative contributes to those efforts. Creating awareness and sharing personal stories, especially with the young, about the tremendous damage terrorism can cause truly helps de-glorifying the so-called cause of these horrific groups.

And although we might see that methods violent extremist use are evolving, I am certain that the root causes will largely stay the same, and even be further exacerbate