

**Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED)**

**Virtual ministerial-level meeting of the Security Council**

**Twentieth anniversary of the adoption of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001) and the establishment of the Counter Terrorism Committee: achievements in international cooperation, challenges and opportunities**

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**Remarks of**

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*Excellencies, distinguished colleagues,*

**It is an honour to address you at                    event marking the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001).**

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**As emphasized in two recent CTED analytical reports, the COVID-19 pandemic has further complicated an already challenging threat landscape.**

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**As we continue to address existing and emerging challenges, we must also reflect on lessons learned and areas where we can further strengthen our responses.**

**Some States have introduced overly broad domestic counter-terrorism legislation, leading to overreach by State authorities, human rights violations, and suppression of dissent.**

**We must ensure that future counter-terrorism policies respect the rule of law and are both human rights-compliant and gender sensitive.**

**States should also engage all sections of society - including religious, community, and women leaders, educators, youth, and social workers in their development of counter-terrorism strategies that are comprehensive and integrated.**

**They must also ensure effective implementation of their respective national plans, and seek to address underlying grievances, including by focusing on the inclusion of vulnerable communities.**

*Excellencies, distinguished colleagues,*

**Despite the many challenges that it faces, the**

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**needs; their capacity to provide**