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Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen,

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Our Strategic Communications Programme implemented by the United

Nations Counter-Terroris m Centre helps stakeholders in countries around the

world address the spread of conspiracy theories and hate speech.

Together with the United Nations A lliance of Civilizations(and I send my best

regards to my friend Miguel Moratinos who is participating in this event) the

Programme will soon implement ƚŚĞ͚WĞĞƌ-to-Peer Young Religious Leaders

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to mediate sectarian tensions and provide alterna tives to terrorist messages

online throug h social media campaigns.

Last but not least, we need to continue to har ness the voices of victims and

survivors of terrorism as powerful and credible messengers of peace and

tolerance.

My Office is implementing a new global Victims of Terrorism Support

Programme, and will convene the first Global C ongress of Victims of Terroris m

during the United Nations C ounter-Terrorism Week in June next year.

Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen,

The Internationa l Day of Tolerance reminds us of our moral obligation at the

personal, national and international levels to embrace and promote the values

of mutual respect, understanding and peaceful coexistence, and to take action

against the underlying drivers of intolerance.

You have our full and firm commitment and support to this end.

I thank you.