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that the sixth review of the Strategy in the coming month will further reinforce this international consensus and set a clear direction for our common efforts over the next years.

The Secretary-General has prioritized counter-terrorism on the UN agenda. Therefore, his first reform initiative was to establish in June last year the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism. One of its main tasks is to promote coordination and coherence in the efforts of thirty-five different United Nations entities, plus INTERPOL, World Customs Organization and Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons.

To further enhance coordination the Secretary-General Guterres signed in February the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact with the principals of all these entities. The Global Compact will be instrumental in breaking the silos inside the UN in the area of preventing and countering terrorism.

In the context of the reform, the United Nations Secretary-General Guterres will convene a High-Level Conference of Head of Counter-Terrorism Agencies of Member States on 28 and 29 June in New York, under the overall **Strengthening international**

The High-Level Conference will facilitate discussions on four key topics: (1) sharing of information, expertise and resources; (2) addressing violent extremism when conducive to terrorism, including the misuse of new technologies; (3) addressing the Foreign Terrorist Fighters phenomenon; and (4) the role of the United Nations in supporting Member States and promoting international cooperation.

We expect that this High-Level Conference will gather the senior-most officials in charge of counter-terrorism from 193 UN Member States, including Ministers of Interior, heads of law-enforcement and intelligence agencies, and national counter-terrorism coordinators.

Ladies and gentlemen,

Everyone in this room knows that the fight against terrorism is yet far from being over. We have a long way ahead of us, and there is much more that we can and that we need to do without delay.

We should unite behind the common priorities and a shared understanding of how to advance in practice towards our main goal of defeating terrorism. I am confident Conference will contribute to forging this understanding.

You have the full support of the United Nations and my assurances that we will continue to play our part in helping strengthen international cooperation to rescue peoples of the world from the scourge of terrorism.

I thank you for your attention.