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Madame President,  
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Ladies and gentlemen,

It is my great honour and pleasure to address the Council today, alongside Under-Secretary-General Vladímir Voronkov and the Special Representative of the Secretary-General, I am

I wish to begin by conveying my deepest respect for the Government and people of Iraq, for their continued determination and resilience to overcome the scourge of terrorism.

I also wish to express my continued and unwavering support for all the victims of terrorism in Iraq, as well as their families.

The Under-Secretary-General and I were able to witness the remarkable determination of the Iraqi people at first hand, in Baghdad and Fallujah, during our recent high-level consultations with the Iraqi Government.

The consultations were conducted in accordance with the respective mandates of the Office of Counter-Terrorism and C/OT, and within the framework of the strengthened coordination between the two offices called for by the Council in its resolution 2178 (2014).

- ur discussions focused in part on the facilitation and provision of tailored capacity-building assistance to Iraq, on the basis of the priority needs identified by the Committee in accordance with the US Global Counterterrorism Strategy.

I would also like to thank the Iraqi authorities, and the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations, Ambassador Muhammad Hussein al-Madhari, for the hospitality

The 1= priority needs were identified on the basis of C) . />s long-term dialogue and partnership with Iraq's counter-terrorism officials

They were formulated in accordance with the international best codes and practices of our partner organizations, including I8) . 9 - A, BC - , IC : - , U8 - / C, and others

In follow-up to the visit, we have endeavoured to make the findings of the visit accessible to as many donors and implementing partners as possible

I also wish to express my sincere appreciation to the Special Representative and his team for their invaluable cooperation.

Madame President,

Throughout our engagement with Iraq - whether in Baghdad or Amman - Iraq has retained full ownership of the assistance facilitation and delivery process and has continued to endorse the 12 identified priority areas.

Our implementing partners and organizations have also continued to share and update information concerning their current and planned efforts in areas in which they continue to require financial support and areas in which they might be able to partner with other implementing agencies and stakeholders.

All this information is entered into a matrix, which is designed to ensure full transparency for our partners in Iraq, Baghdad, and other relevant capitals.

This process helps us not only to avoid duplication and overlap, but also to develop new partnerships.

An example in this regard was our recent facilitation of a legislative drafting workshop organized by the Terrorism Prevention Branch of UNCTAD.

The workshop led to the development of draft counter-terrorism legislation that has been submitted to the Iraqi National Counter-Terrorism Committee for subsequent consideration and adoption by parliament.

I wish to reiterate the need for Iraq to actively manage the adoption of counter-terrorism legislation in accordance with the relevant international standards, in order to ensure that the perpetrators of terrorist acts are brought to justice in accordance with human rights and the rule of law.

The CTC is currently considering ways to strengthen its assessment process and follow-up mechanisms, pursuant to paragraph 2 of Council resolution 1267/1540.

and I firmly believe that the example of C) . / 's engagement with Iraq will be very useful to the Committee's work in that area.

I am convinced that this historic joint mission, and our follow-up mission, organized by U8 - C), provides an effective model for our future engagement with member States.

Madame President,

We are grateful for the continued efforts of all implementing partners that have helped Iraq to achieve such encouraging progress in implementing some of the Committee's priority recommendations.

We urge them to continue their efforts and to encourage other partners to join with the Committee, C) . / and the Iraqi Government in their efforts to strengthen Iraq's counter-terrorism capacities in the areas identified by the Committee.

I wish to assure the Council that C) . / will continue, in close cooperation with the Under-