

PRESS RELEASE

Mr. Voronkov concludes visit to Rabat

Rabat, Morocco, 16 January – Mr. Voronkov, the Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT) concluded a two-day visit to Rabat, Morocco at the invitation of the government. He held consultations with high-level officials of the Kingdom of Morocco as part of efforts to increase engagement with countries in Northern Africa.

With H.E. Nasser Bourita, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, African Cooperation and Moroccan Expatriates, Mr. Voronkov discussed ways to increase capacity-building collaboration in countering terrorism and preventing violent extremism through sharing Morocco's experience, expertise and good practices, including those identified by the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Executive Directorate (CTED) in its country visit report. Mr. Voronkov invited the government of Morocco to participate in the United Nations Counter Terrorism Week to be held in New York from 30 June to 2 July 2020.

During his meetings with senior officials, Mr. Voronkov welcomed Morocco's comprehensive approach to preventing and countering terrorism, highlighted its role as a key contributor to the international efforts to address the scourge of counter-terrorism and thanked its strong support to UNOCT. He praised Morocco for its Chairmanship of Group of Friends of Combating Terrorism and its Co-Chairmanship of the Global Counter-Terrorism Forum (GCTF), as well as its role as a valuable member of the New York based Groups of Friends of Victims of Terrorism and the Advisory Board of the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre (UNCCT). He also highlighted the contribution of Morocco in number of capacity-building projects on youth empowerment to prevent violent extremism, preventing nuclear terrorism and the role of parliamentarians in preventing and countering terrorism.

Welcoming the active participation of Moroccan representatives in the Regional Counter-Terrorism Conference that took place in Abu Dhabi in Dec 2019, Mr. Voronkov expressed his appreciation for the active participation of Moroccan representatives in the Regional Counter-Terrorism Conference that took place in Abu Dhabi in Dec 2019. He also expressed his appreciation for the active participation of Moroccan representatives in the Regional Counter-Terrorism Conference that took place in Abu Dhabi in Dec 2019.

Terrorisme. Il a salué le Maroc pour sa Présidence du Groupe des Amis de la Lutte contre le Terrorisme, sa Co-Présidence du Forum Mondial de Lutte contre le Terrorisme ainsi que son rôle en tant que membre actif du Groupe des Amis des Victimes du Terrorisme, basés à New York, et du Conseil consultatif du Centre des Nations Unies pour la Lutte contre le Terrorisme (UNCCT) situé au sein du Bureau de lutte Contre le Terrorisme des Nations Unies. Il a également souligné la contribution du Maroc à un certain nombre de projets de renforcement des capacités portant sur l'engagement des jeunes dans la prévenir l'extrémisme violent propice au terrorisme, la prévention du terrorisme nucléaire et le rôle des parlementaires dans la prévention et la lutte contre le terrorisme.

Se félicitant de la participation active des représentants marocains à la Conférence régionale sur le Contre-Terrorisme tenue à Abou Dhabi en décembre 2019, M. Voronkov a notamment souligné le rôle des jeunes représentants marocains dans l