



Our discussions showed there is a shared understanding and concern among Member States that terrorists are generating funds from illicit trafficking in drugs, goods,



In many parts of the world, terrorists are exploiting local grievances and poor governance to regroup and assert their control.

The pandemic has the potential to act as a catalyst in the spread of terrorism and violent extremism by exacerbating inequalities, undermining social cohesion and fuelling local conflicts.

We must continue our fight against terrorist groups and criminal networks to deny them the opportunity to exploit the COVID-19 crisis.

Collective action and international cooperation are needed now more than ever.

Thank you for your attention.