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DUSHANBE/NEW YORK/VIENNA, 14 September 2022 - The International High-Level Conference on “International and Regional Border Security and Management Cooperation to Counter Terrorism and Prevent the Movement of Terrorists” will take place in Dushanbe, Tajikistan on 18-19 October 2022.

This two-day conference is co-organized by the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT), the United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia (UNRCCA), the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), the European Union (EU), the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and the State of Qatar.

The conference is aimed at promoting bilateral, sub-regional, regional, and international cooperation to improve border and customs controls in order to prevent and detect the movement of terrorists, including foreign terrorist fighters (FTFs), illicit trafficking of small arms and light weapons, conventional ammunition and explosives, nuclear, chemical, biological or radiological weapons and materials, and to take measures on border security and management, criminal justice, and information-sharing in accordance with international humanitarian law, international human rights law and international refugee law.

This Conference is part of the “Dushanbe Process” launched in May 2018, when the first High-Level International Conference of the process on “Countering Terrorism and Preventing Violent Extremism” (Dushanbe, 3-4 May 2018) was jointly convened in partnership with the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, UN entities, the OSCE and the EU. The UNOCT High-Level Conference

of the process on “International and Regional Cooperation on Countering Terrorism and its Financing Through Illicit Drug Trafficking and Organized Crime” was convened on 16-17 May 2019 in Dushanbe.

The Conference will include a High-Level Opening Session with the participation of the President of the Republic of Tajikistan, H.E. Mr. Emomali Rahmon, Mr. Vladimir Voronkov, Under-Secretary-General of UNOCT and a number of Government M Tf1 TETQq0.00000916912 0 614 ment