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Madam Chair,
Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am grateful for the opportunity to join this meeting to brief you on the recent activities undertaken by the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT) and the upcoming milestones over the next year.

Let me begin by first thanking the Czech Presidency for the excellent cooperation with UNOCT, and we look forward to continuing our collaboration under the Swedish Presidency.

I am also profoundly grateful to the European Union for our strategic partnership, in particular your political support for effective, human rights-complaint, multilateral action to prevent and counter terrorism and violent extremism.

Dear Colleagues,

Despite continued leadership losses, the top global terrorist threats continue to emanate from Al-Qaida, Da'esh and their affiliates – both in conflict and non-conflict zones. They have continued to expand in and from the Sahel towards the Gulf of Guinea, made further inroads into Central and Southeastern Africa, and demonstrated a lethal resilience in Somalia and its neighbours. Al-

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Lastly, we organized a High-Level Conference on International and Regional Border Security and Management Cooperation to Counter Terrorism and Prevent the Movement of Terrorists held in Dushanbe, Tajikistan, in October.

We are sincerely grateful to the European Union for the excellent cooperation in organizing this event, which drew over 700 participants, as well as the insightful remarks from H.E. HR/VP Mr. Josep Borrell Fontelles at the opening session.

We also appreciate the commitment of the European Union to the "Dushanbe Process," as well as to strengthening border security and management cooperation in Central Asia.

Dear Colleagues,

The upcoming eighth biennial review of the Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy in 2023 will represent a decisive moment to renew international attention on cou

