



The ISIS and al Qa'ida threats continue to metastasize and evolve – with the growing ISIS threat in West and Central Africa and al-Qaida's continued operations in Central Asia or through its proxies in East Africa and Southeast Asia. We must remain vigilant. Our sustained focus on these groups is needed to further disrupt recruitment and plotting.

We must continue our collective efforts to prevent ISIS's resurgence and mitigate the threat pose

Through multilateral efforts led by the United Nations, the Global Counterterrorism Forum, or

As we look ahead to the next ten years, we face a much more diffuse and dynamic terrorist threat. We must draw on our collective experience and continue to work together through the United Nations and other multilateral fora to confront these challenges to ensure a more stable and peaceful future.

Thank you. I look forward to the rest of today's discussion.