



HIGH-LEVEL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
Regional Cooperation among Central Asian States within the
Framework of the Joint Plan of Action (JPoA) for the
Implementation of the United Nations Global Counter-
Terrorism Strategy

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I hope the discussions today and tomorrow will address these themes and include examples of good practices and experiences from this region.

I am convinced this will help inform the global counter-terrorism response over the next few years.

Excellencies,

I am proud that the United Nations system continues to support Member States in Central Asia to implement the Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy through the Joint Plan of Action.

This includes support in rehabilitation and reintegration of individuals with perceived links to terrorist groups; management of violent extremist prisoners; technical assistance for developing national action plans to prevent and counter violent extremism; and strengthening resilience to violent extremism.

We will continue to help requesting Member States counter the supply of small arms and light weapons and secure and manage their borders. We are exploring assistance to protect vulnerable targets and will ramp up support to counter terrorist travel.

We also support the development of a Counter-Terrorism Early Warning Network for Central Asia to mitigate threats from the evolving situation in Afghanistan.

I am grateful to our partners, particularly the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, the United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia, and our civil society partners, for their common commitment to combat the spread of terrorism.

Excellencies,
Ladies and gentlemen,

It is well known that kindness and solidarity characterize Central Asian people and communities.

These traits serve as a vaccine against violence and I hope this spirit perseveres.

This conference is an opportunity to reaffirm the commitment of Central Asian countries to continued regional cooperation, within the framework of its updated Joint Plan of Action.