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Distinguished representatives of the Kingdom of Morocco,  
Distinguished delegates from participant Member States,  
Ladies and gentlemen,

I am delighted to welcome you to this launch of the Global Fusion Cells h  
Compendium of Good Practices and Related Guidelines, in our newly-established Rabat  
Programme Office and Training Centre.

UNOCT launched the three-year, multi-agency Global Fusion Cells Programme in January  
2020 with funding from the United Nations Peace and Development Trust Fund (UNPDF) and  
the governments of Portugal and Qatar. It is being implemented by our Special Projects and  
Innovations Branch, in cooperation with our partners at the Counter-Terrorism Committee  
Executive Directorate (CTED), United Nations Police (UNPOL), the African Centre for the Study  
and Research on Terrorism (CAERT), and the International Criminal Police Organization  
(INTERPOL).

The Programme supports Member State beneficiaries in developing national  
interagency coordination mechanisms that pool and analyse information to enable informed  
decision-making, help prevent attacks, ensure proper preparedness, and promote intelligence-  
led activity. The analytical products produced by such mechanisms can also be used to drive  
investigations to ensure that best evidence is gathered, thereby increasing the likelihood of a  
successful prosecution.

In recent years, Member State representatives and counter-terrorism officials have  
expressed concerns that some states, especially fragile and conflict-affected ones, lack

sufficient capability to enable their respective intelligence and law enforcement institutions to prevent and counter terrorism and organized crime. This situation is often exacerbated by a

Ladies and gentlemen,

I encourage you all to take full advantage of the Compendium and engage with the Global Fusion Cells Programme to discuss the comprehensive support we can offer the institutions that you represent, for example, the programme's 10-week modular portfolio of training as well as its mentoring support.

I want to conclude by thanking the Kingdom of Morocco for its ongoing support, not least for putting at our disposal this excellent training facility and for its continuing commitment and support to counter-terrorism in Africa @ . M ongoing and collaborative counter-terrorism efforts in building a future of peace and dignity for all.

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