Remarks by Mr. Vladimir Voronkov, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism

The Conference outcomes will include a Co-chairs Summary and adoption of the "Dushanbe Declaration", which will outline the strategic priorities and good practices in implementing the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy in the area of border security.

The Conference will feature a High-Level Opening Session with the participation of His Excellency, Mr. Emomali Rahmon, President of Tajikistan.

## Excellencies, Dear colleagues,

The Dushanbe Conference will cover four thematic areas:

The first topic is 'Regional Border Security Challenges: Identifying Threats, Risks and Avenues for Improvement'.

This session will focus on an analysis of the current regional border security challenges in Central Asia and beyond. This includes the identification of threats and risks in the

Excellencies, Ladies and gentlemen, Dear colleagues,

I count on your personal engagement and support to convey a strong and positive recommendation to your respective capitals regarding your country's high-level participation in the Dushanbe Conference.

I would also like to reiterate my profound gratitude to Tajikistan for its leadership and support in hosting this Conference, and for its continued efforts in advancing the preparations for this event.

I thank you and would now like to invite H.E. Mr. Jonibek Hikmat, Permanent Representative, to deliver his remarks on the High-Level Dushanbe Conference. The floor is yours.