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Mr. Chairman,

At the outset, I would like to congratulate you and other members of the Bureau on your election.

Azerbaijan welcomes the creation of a new Office of Counter-

Indeed, areas of armed conflict, especially territories under foreign military occupation, often create conditions conducive to exploitation by terrorists, separatists and other organized criminal groups and networks.

The accumulation of armaments and munitions in areas beyond the reach of legitimate governments and international control and the risk of the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction pose a serious threat to international and regional peace and security.

The strict compliance by all States with their international obligations, including the relevant resolutions adopted by the Security Council, is critical to ensure, *inter alia*, that their respective territories are not used for terrorist, separatist and other related activity, in particular for financing of and providing, directly or indirectly, any other support to such activity under whatever pretext or disguise.

It is important that the new Office of Counter-Terrorism improve visibility, advocacy and resource mobilization to broaden