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**Overarching Considerations for Countering the Use of New and Emerging**  
**Technologies for Terrorist Purposes**

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*Excellencies,*  
*Distinguished guests,*  
*Ladies and Gentlemen,*

Allow me to begin by expressing my gratitude to the Republic of India for convening this meeting.

The General Assembly's 7th review of the Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy specifically mandated the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism to support innovative measures to develop additional counter-terrorism capacities of Member States to address the challenges and opportunities that new technologies provide.

The UNOCT has operationalized this commitment through its impactful capacity-building work and by assuming a coordination role at the helm of the Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact.

The question we have to pose is: How counter-terrorism programming may need to change to respond to the evolving threat posed by the terrorist use of new technologies? Allow me to identify three critical points:

*First*, these are very complex areas, and specialized support to Member States needs to be strengthened. Our Office is increasingly working on both, helping Member States leverage new technologies for counter-terrorism and address the risk of use of new technologies for terrorism purposes.

We have reinforced our capacity-building efforts to focus on the use of unmanned aircraft systems, cybersecurity, the use of new technologies for investigations and digital forensics, cryptocurrencies, and the protection of



in proactively developing comprehensive human rights impact assessments during the design, development, and deployment of technological tools for counter-terrorism purposes. UNOCT and the UN priority shall continue to ensure that Member States are supported in adopting proper safeguards to prevent, mitigate and remedy the arbitrary or unlawful collection and use of personal data through digital technologies and any other violations of internationally recognized human rights in the counter-terrorism context. Our Office is also committed to support an inclusive process for integrating a risk-based approach and conduct human rights due diligence in the development of technological solutions, such as goTravel and goFINTEL, that we offer to Member States.

In conclusion, specialized support to Member States, partnership and broad collaboration, and due respect for internationally recognized human rights and guarantees shall remain our strategic programmatic priorities, and at UNOCT, we are certainly committed to promoting these three goals.

I thank you for your attention.