

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

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Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I would like to thank the Co-Chairs of the Global Counterterrorism Forum, His Excellency Mr. Nasser Bourita, Foreign Minister of the Kingdom of Morocco and His Excellency Mr. Stef Blok, Foreign Minister of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, for inviting the United Nations to participate in this meeting.

The United Nations has been privileged to work closely with Morocco and the Netherlands, and we are also looking forward to working closely with Canada, the incoming GCTF co-Chair.

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I look forward to identifying further concrete areas for cooperation at the Fourth UN-GCTF Coordination Meeting tomorrow, which will bring together the Co-Chairs of the working groups of both organizations.

For example, I hope that we can work together to support Member States in addressing the challenges posed by the repatriation and rehabilitation of foreign terrorist fighters and their families.

I am also keen to develop further joint initiatives to support the victims and survivors of terrorism, strengthen border security, and protect soft targets and critical infrastructure.

I look forward to working with all of you over the coming year.

Thank you.