

Virtual ministerial-level meeting of the Security Council

**Twentieth anniversary of the adoption of Security Council resolution 1373
(2001) and the establishment of the Counter Terrorism Committee:
achievements in international cooperation, challenges and opportunities**

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Remarks of

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Excellencies, distinguished colleagues,

**It is an honour to address you at event marking the twentieth anniversary of
the adoption of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001).**

The adoption of the resolution, in

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As emphasized in two recent CTED analytical reports, the COVID-19 pandemic has further complicated an already challenging threat landscape.

Excellencies, distinguished colleagues,

As we continue to address existing and emerging challenges, we must also reflect on lessons learned and areas where we can further strengthen our responses.

Some States have introduced overly broad domestic counter-terrorism legislation, leading to overreach by State authorities, human rights violations, and suppression of dissent.

We must ensure that future counter-terrorism policies respect the rule of law and are both human rights-compliant and gender sensitive.

States should also engage all sections of society - including religious, community, and women leaders, educators, youth, and social workers in their development of counter-terrorism strategies that are comprehensive and integrated.

They must also ensure effective implementation of their respective national plans, and seek to address underlying grievances, including by focusing on the inclusion of vulnerable communities.

Excellencies, distinguished colleagues,

Despite the many challenges that it faces, the

Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED)

needs; their capacity to provide