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Excellency,

Since its adoption in September 2006, Member States have reviewed the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy (A/RES/60/288) biennially. In accordance with General Assembly resolution A/RES/66/282, I wish to inform that the General Assembly Plenary meeting on the Fourth Review of the Strategy will take place on 12-13 June 2014.

Member States have consistently underscored their primary ownership of the Strategy and its implementation. I, therefore, urge active participation including in particular that of counter-terrorism coordinators, capacity building and law enforcement officials from capitals, in order to ensure that the Review is a productive exercise.

In this regard, during the Fourth Review, I encourage Member States representatives to focus, inter alia, on their experience with the implementation of national strategies, especially with regard to addressing conditions conducive to the spread of terrorism as set forth in the Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy. In addition, I am also requesting the Director of the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force, Mr. Jehangir Khan, to organize side events before the Review focused on further promoting the implementation of the Strategy.

Finally, I have the honour to inform you that H.E. Mr. Yaşar Halit Çevik, Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations, has agreed to serve as facilitator for consultations with Member States on the outcome of the Review. On behalf of the General Assembly, I would like to express my appreciation to Ambassador Çevik for his willingness to undertake this important responsibility.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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