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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 68/276, I wish to reconfirm that the General Assembly plenary meeting on the Fifth Review of the Strategy at its 10th Anniversary of the Strategy will take place by the end of June 2016.

As decided in General Assembly resolution 68/276, the review will undertake an examination of the forthcoming Report of the Secretary-General on progress made in the implementation of the Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy since its adoption in September 2006. In this context, as decided in General Assembly resolution 70/254, the General Assembly will also give further consideration to the Secretary-General's Plan of Action to Prevent Violent Extremism (A/70/674-A/70/675).

Member States have consistently underscored their own critical role with regard to the implementation of the Strategy. I, therefore, urge the active participation by all Member States, including counter-terrorism coordinators, capacity building experts, law enforcement officials as well as specialists on violent extremism from capitals, in order to ensure that the Review is a productive exercise.

Finally, I have the honour to inform you that H.E. Mr. Martín Garcia Moritán, Permanent Representative of Argentina to the United Nations, and H.E. Mr. Einar Gunnarsson, Permanent Representative of Iceland to the United Nations, have agreed to serve as facilitators for consultations with Member States on the outcome of the Review. I would like to express my appreciation to Ambassador Moritán and Ambassador Gunnarsson for their willingness to undertake this important responsibility.

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

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