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I thank the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for hosting this important meeting.

It has been less than a year since the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre commenced its work, but I am happy to note that it has already started contributing substantively to the United Nations' efforts against terrorism. This conference today marks a unique opportunity where the UNCCT has brought together important capacity-building partners and counter-terrorism focused enterprises under a single roof to identify ways of working together.

The United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, adopted by all Member States in 2006, is the cornerstone of a truly global multilateral response, offering a comprehensive, integrated and preventive approach. The four pillars of the Global Strategy span the whole spectrum of measures through which we can prevent and combat terrorism, and protect the purposes and principles of the United Nations Charter.

The Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force (CTITF) has been tasked through General Assembly resolutions to support Member States' implementation of the Global Strategy. The Task Force is the ideal institution for this goal, since it brings together 31 United Nations agencies and relevant international organizations for coordinated and coherent multilateral action against terrorism.

One of the pillars of the Global Strategy is devoted to capacity-building, and the CTITF has also increasingly focused on this topic in its engagements with Member States. Over the next two days, I hope that key capacity-building partners from various parts of the world will find new opportunities to engage, identify areas where collaborative work is needed and establish a strong and sustained relationship with the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre and the CTITF. I am certain that the United Nations will gain from such new partnerships.

The United Nations and international capacity-building centres can together achieve significant milestones in the fight against terrorism.

To enhance the cooperation, I have decided to appoint Mr. Jehangir Khan of Pakistan as the acting Director of the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force (CTITF) Office.

I look forward to more successes, and wish you a productive meeting