



Closing Remarks

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to the United Nations**

**“International Day for the Prevention of Violent Extremism as
and when Conducive to Terrorism” event**

**12 February 2025, 1:15 – 2:30 am (EST)
Conference Room 7
United Nations Headquarters, New York**

Time Limit: (5 mins)

**Excellencies,
Distinguished guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

As we conclude this significant event commemorating **International Day for the Prevention of Violent Extremism as and when Conducive to Terrorism**, I would like to extend my deepest appreciation to all those who have contributed to this dialogue.

A special thanks to the **United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism, and other Vice Chairs of the Global Counter-Terrorism Compact Working Group on Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism**, UNDP, UNESCO and UNAOC, for co-organizing this event. Your dedication to strengthening international cooperation for preventing violent extremism conducive to terrorism is commendable.

I would also like to express my gratitude to all our distinguished speakers for their invaluable insights. Their expertise and diverse perspectives have enriched our understanding of the challenges ahead and the opportunities for action in the space of preventing violent extremism as and when conducive to terrorism.

Today's discussions have reaffirmed a fundamental truth: preventing violent extremism conducive to terrorism is not only a security imperative but also a moral, social, and developmental necessity. Addressing this evolving and complex threat requires an approach rooted in human dignity, inclusivity, and sustainable peace.

Throughout this event, we have explored ways to, translating the principles into concrete actions that prioritize:

- **Whole-of-society and whole-of-government approaches** to materialize better prevention strategies, ensuring inclusivity and cooperation across sectors;
- **Investments in education, economic opportunities, and social resilience** to counter the drivers of extremism at their root;
- **Strengthened international cooperation and capacity-building** to support Member States, civil society, and partners on the ground in implementing sustainable solutions.
- **Utilizing opportunities to leverage innovative PCVE programs** for strengthening networked multilateralism and contributing to building and sustaining peace—including national and regional approaches to counterterrorism and preventing violent extremism, and their implications for peacebuilding.

As we move forward, we must ensure that the commitments made today translate into tangible actions. This means fostering stronger partnerships, enhancing the role of civil society and youth, and leveraging innovative solutions—including technology—to counter extremist narratives and promote sustainable peace.

Distinguished guests, dear colleagues,

This event is not merely a reflection on our past efforts, it is a call to action. A call to reaffirm our collective responsibility in preventing violent extremism as and when conducive to terrorism, protecting future generations, and upholding the values of peace, security, and human dignity.

The Republic of Iraq remains committed to further its partnership with the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism and the

Global Counter-Terrorism Compact, and to continue working with regional organizations and other Member States to advance the objectives set forth today.

With that, I thank you once again for your participation and your dedication to this vital mission.

Together, let us ensure that our resolve leads to lasting impact and reaffirm that prevention, resilience, and partnerships must remain at the heart of preventing violent extremism as and when conducive to terrorism.

Thank you.