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Head of the UN Office of Counter-Terrorism concludes bilateral visits to Oman and Kuwait

Muscat/Kuwait City, 12 December 2018– The Head of the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT), the Under-Secretary-General Vladimir Voronkov has concluded bilateral visits to the Sultanate of Oman and the State of Kuwait at the invitation of the Governments. These consultations were part of his visit to the Middle East where he participated in the Aqaba Process meeting in Jordan on 8-9 December. Under-Secretary-General Voronkov had also visited various capitals in the region earlier this year.

In Muscat, Oman, Mr. Voronkov met with H.E Yousif bin Alawi, Minister Responsible for Foreign Affairs, Dr. Mohammed bin Saeed Al Mamari, Advisor at the Ministry of Endowment and Religious Affairs and officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Royal Office. They discussed ways to strengthen the cooperation between the United Nations and the Government of Oman in countering terrorism.

Offering his congratulations on Kuwait's successful first year in the Security Council, the UN Under-Secretary-General met H.E. Salahuddin Rabbani, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs as well as H.E. Khaled Al Jarrah Al Sabah, Prime Minister and Minister and Minister of the Interior, State of Kuwait. He also held a meeting with the State Security Committee. He expressed readiness to further cooperation on important issues related to countering terrorism and preventing violent extremism when conducive to terrorism.

Consultations touched on key issues such as the importance of aviation security, addressing the threat of foreign terrorist fighters, engagement of youth as well as countering the spread of terrorist ideologies and narratives. Interlocutors also discussed the development of action plans on preventing violent extremism when conducive to terrorism at the national and regional levels.

The United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism was established in June 2017 to provide leadership on the implementation of General Assembly counter-terrorism mandates, to enhance coordination and coherence, and to strengthen the delivery of the United Nations counter-terrorism capacity building assistance to Member States.

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