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## **The Head of UNOCT and the Speaker of the Shura Council of the State of Qatar meet on the occasion of the International Day of Parliamentarism**

**30 June 2020** – The United Nations Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT) Mr. Vladimir Voronkov and H.E. the Speaker of the Shura Council of the State of Qatar Ahmed bin Abdullah bin Zaid Al Mahmoud held a bilateral meeting to mark the International Day of Parliamentarism and discuss the partnership between the Shura Council of the State of Qatar and the UNOCT, including the implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed last February.

H.E. Mr. Al Mahmoud and Mr. Voronkov expressed solidarity with all the parliaments and nations who are collectively confronting the challenges posed the COVID-19 pandemic. They congratulated all parliamentarians on the International Day of Parliamentarism recognizing the importance of parliamentary diplomacy and the critical role that parliamentarians play in countering terrorism efforts at the national, regional and global levels.

H.E. Mr. Al Mahmoud, the Speaker of the Shura Council of the State of Qatar, expressed appreciation to Mr. Voronkov for his strong commitment to countering the terrorist scourge and for the leadership of UNOCT in strengthening the United Nations efforts against terrorism and violent extremism conducive to terrorism.

Mr. Voronkov expressed appreciation to H.E. the Speaker Al Mahmoud and the Shura Council of the State of Qatar for their support to UNOCT and stressed that parliamentarians, as community leaders, policy-makers and legislators, can significantly contribute to achieving a safer world without terrorism.

In line with the MoU signed earlier this year, UNOCT and the Shura Council of the State of Qatar will carry out joint initiatives to promote the active engagement of parliamentarians to facilitate a balanced and integrated implementation of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy and relevant resolutions of the United Nations Security Council. The agreement foresees different modalities of cooperation, including measures to establish a programme office on parliamentary engagement on preventing and countering terrorism and violent extremism.

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