

## **Intervention of H.E. Péter Szijjártó, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary**

Global Congress of Victims of Terrorism

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Excellencies, dear Colleagues, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Thank you very much for including me to the list of speakers on today's very important meeting. I wish I could be there in New York personally, but the world has been faced with tremendous challenges. There is a war in Europe, which has very serious impacts on basically everyday life of our continent, mostly on the field of security of energy supply, and of course very serious challenges regarding our physical security.

But all these challenges which we are faced with must not distract our attention from the fact that terrorism still poses a severe challenge and threat to basically the entire world. And we have to unite our forces when it comes to fight against terrorism because without a holistic, global, united approach we will not be able to fight terrorism successfully. There are thousands, or even tens of thousands of people who become victims of terrorism on an annual basis. We, Hungarians, make our best in order to assist the victims and the families of the victims. That was one of the reasons why we have established our program called Hungary Helps, which puts the focus on helping the Christian communities all over the world, and unfortunately I have to tell you that Christian groups, Christian societies are becoming more and more targets of the terrorist organizations, just like recently in Nigeria.

Dear Colleagues,

I would like to express my appreciation to Under Secretary General Voronkov and the team UNOCT for their dedicated efforts to lead this global fight against terrorism. The more successful we are in our fight, the less people and families will become victims of terrorism. I am happy to confirm that Hungary, Budapest, is going to host the meeting of the Working Group on the Foreign Terrorist Fighters in October. And we, Hungarians, have been faced with another terrorism-related challenge, which is the illegal migration. The more people are involved in the illegal flows of migration, the bigger is the chance for spreading terrorism and the radical extremist ideologies. That is why, in order to be successful against terrorism, we have to be successful against illegal migration as well. We Hungarians have made our best so far, and we will put a lot of efforts in helping the achievements of the Global Coalition which is facing terrorism.

Mr Voronkov and dear Colleagues,

once again I would like to express my appreciation to all of you.