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**Opening remarks by Mr. Vladimir Voronkov, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations
Office of Counter-Terrorism**

**Launch Event of the UNOCT *Technical Guide on Protecting Critical Energy Infrastructure
against Terrorist Attacks***

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Excellencies,
Ladies and gentlemen,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the presentation of the Technical Guide on Protecting Critical Energy Infrastructure against Terrorist Attacks.

Special words of gratitude to Mr. Vassily Alekseevich Nebenzia, Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations, and Mr. Ata Eyeberdiyev, Deputy Permanent Representative of Turkmenistan to the United Nations.

Allow me to express my gratitude to the Russian Federation and Turkmenistan for their support to the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism, particularly for financial contribution to the Global Programme on Countering Terrorist Threats against Vulnerable Targets.

I would also like to thank the Commonwealth of Independent States Anti-Terrorism Centre for providing translation of this publication into Russian.

Today's presentation of the Technical Guide at the United Nations Headquarters follows an international expert meeting held on 11 and 12 November in Ashgabat. I would like to thank the Government of Turkmenistan for hosting this event.

I am grateful to everyone who joins today's event, including members of the United Nations Global Network of Experts on Vulnerable Targets Protection.

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Ladies and gentlemen,

I would like to draw your attention to United Nations Security Council resolution 2341, adopted in 2017, on protecting critical infrastructure against terrorist attacks. This resolution highlights notably the increasing interdependencies of cross-border critical infrastructure.

Moreover, General Assembly resolution 77/298 on the eighth review of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, firmly condemns terrorist attacks on critical energy facilities and underscores the need for collaboration between governments, international organizations, and the private sector to mitigate these threats.

The resolution also urges UNOCT and other United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact entities to assist Member States in these efforts.

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Ladies and gentlemen,

The evolving terrorist threat requires international responses, knowledge sharing, and seamless coordination between national authorities, international partners, and private sector owners and operators of critical infrastructure.

In this context, UNOCT has developed the *Technical Guide on Protecting Critical Energy Infrastructure against Terrorist Attacks*.

UNOCT has undertaken extensive research to produce this technical tool, collected materials provided by members of the United Nations Global Network of Experts on Vulnerable Targets Protection, and entities of the Global Compact Working Group on Emerging Threats and Critical Infrastructure Protection.

This expert-oriented publication consolidates relevant international practices. It provides an overview of the major terrorist threats and emerging challenges impacting the energy sector.

The Technical guide explores good practices in risk assessment, energy infrastructure resilience-building, and strategic planning. The publication also emphasizes the importance of cross-border collaboration and public-private partnerships in both traditional and renewable energy sectors.

UNOCT is committed to supporting Member States by connecting experts, building capacity and producing innovative tools.

I am convinced that this project will encourage collaboration and build partnerships to enhance the security of our energy systems.

I thank you again for your presence here in New York and online, and for your commitment to our collective efforts against terrorism.

Thank you for your attention.