

**Intervention by H.E. Ambassador Osama Abdelkhalek
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Thank you, Madam Moderator,

We are delighted to participate in this important event. We express our sincere gratitude to Spain and Iraq, co-chairs of the Group of Friends of Victims of Terrorism, and UNOCT for making this long-awaited event happen. And - to all the victims of terrorism whom we have heard yesterday and today, we tell **you, we hear you**, and recognize our responsibility to continue doing so, harnessing inspiration from your touching stories, and responding to the needs you have made clear, with a view of taking concrete measures to help alleviate your suffering, and provide you with all the care you need.

Distinguished attendees,

I would like to seize this opportunity to share with you some of the work we have been doing in Egypt to rehabilitate, assist and support victims of terrorism.

- The “National Council for the Care of Families of Martyrs and Injured” was established in 2011, to consolidate the government’s activities aimed at protecting the rights of victims of terrorism. The Council is affiliated to the Council of Ministers and plays a crucial role in providing comprehensive socio-economic support and care to victims and their families, including free health care, counselling and psychological rehabilitation services. It also supports members of families of victims to receive suitable job opportunities, and setting up small enterprises in cooperation with competent government agencies.

- The activities of the Council in 2021/2022 included providing care services to approximately 10 thousand beneficiaries in total. The Council also established new regional offices, in order to improve reach to victims and their families. Furthermore, the number of hospitals providing free health care to victims and their families rose to 68 hospitals across the country, and funds allocated for medical care in 2021 amounted to approximately 17.5 million EGP.
- There also exists channels whereby the State also provides social assistance on exceptional basis to families of martyrs and injured victims of terrorism, which we are working on further streamlining.
- The Egyptian Red Crescent, through its Psychosocial Support Unit, contributes to promoting psychological and social recovery of victims and raising awareness.

The aforementioned work is **of course** subject to constant development and improvement, building on what we hear from victims, and benefiting from the exchange of experience with other countries.

Distinguished attendees,

Finally, on the multilateral level, Egypt's commitment to enhancing and upholding the rights of victims has been unwavering. We have sponsored an annual resolution in Geneva and New York aimed at addressing the impacts of terrorism on the enjoyment of human rights. Egypt is also a founding member of the Group of Friends of Victims of Terrorism, and was also a member of the small group that drafted the General Assembly resolution 73/305.

We will continue working with all Member States and relevant entities, to further enhance the rights, care, and support to victims of terrorism.

I Thank you.