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Excellency,

Since its adoption in September 2006, Member States have reviewed the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy (A/RES/60/288) biennially. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 70/291, I wish to confirm that the General Assembly plenary meeting on the Sixth Review of the Strategy will take place by the end of June 2018.

As decided in the General Assembly resolution 70/291, the review will undertake an examination of the forthcoming report of the Secretary-General on progress made in the implementation of the Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy since its adoption in September 2006, as well as of the implementation of the Strategy by Member States, and to consider updating the Strategy to respond to changes.

Member States have consistently underscored their own critical role with regard to the implementation of the Strategy. I, therefore, urge the active participation by all Member States, including counter-terrorism coordinators, capacity building experts, law enforcement officials as well as specialists on violent extremism from capitals, in order to ensure that the Review is a productive and successful exercise.

In this regard, I have the honour to inform you that H.E. Mr. Kai Sauer, Permanent Representative of Finland and H.E. Ms. Sima Sami I. Bahous, Permanent Representative of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan have agreed to serve as facilitators for consultations with Member States on the outcome of the Review. I would like to express my appreciation to Ambassador Sauer and Ambassador Bahous for their willingness to undertake this important responsibility.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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