

Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED)

**Special meeting of the Counter-Terrorism Committee commemorating the
20th anniversary of the adoption of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001)
and the establishment of the Committee**

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Closing statement of

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Mr. Chair, Excellencies, distinguished participants,

Allow me to commend Ambassador Ladeb for his leadership as Chair of the Counter-Terrorism Committee and for his central role in organizing today's commemorative meeting.

I also wish to thank Under-Secretary-General Voronkov for his participation and partnership.

And I also wish to take this opportunity to express my deep thanks to all of you for joining us today and offering your perspectives on countering the global terrorist threat.

The special meeting has given us an opportunity to reflect on the work of the Committee and CTED over the past 20 years and to address the evolution of the threat and challenges, as well as the progress and impact of our joint counter-terrorism efforts.

We have discussed both the successes achieved and the challenges and lessons learned in implementing resolution 1373 and its successors.

The accomplishments spurred by resolution 1373 and other relevant resolutions are significant.

States around the world have worked to enhance their legal, institutional, and operational capacities.

We also now see greater sharing of information and collaboration within and between States.

Today, we are more coordinated, more alert, and more sensitive to all aspects of counter-terrorism measures than ever.

We must continue to be aware that two decades of counter-terrorism have taught us a key lesson: any comprehensive whole-of-society counter-terrorism strategy must aim to tackle the conditions conducive to the spread of terrorism and be gender-sensitive and anchored in respect for human rights and the rule of law.

I am confident that, if we remain committed to working in a collective and integrated manner, we shall continue to achieve progress in our joint efforts to counter the global terrorist threat in the years ahead.

Thank you.