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Mr. Chair,

Thank you for convening this special meeting. The 20-year anniversary of the CTC and the resolution establishing it is a suitable opportunity to ponder and reflect on the overall process, achievements, gaps, lessons learned and to reassess priorities and methods with a view to improve.

Needless to say, international terrorism did not start in 2001, but resolution 1373 (2001) was a milestone in the Security Council's commitment and action to counter terrorism. It was also a transformative juncture in the international campaign to eradicate this scourge, as it reaffirmed what everyone already knew: Terrorism is a serious threat to international peace and security, no-one is immune from it, and efforts by all are indispensable to fight it.

The establishment of CTC and CTED was the beginning of extensive commendable efforts by the UN community, in which my country plays an active part. The State of Qatar has had a cooperative relationship with the Committee and Executive Directorate, which is reflected, for example, in CTED's report on its recent successful visit to Doha. This is one aspect of the State of Qatar's role within the United Nations and at the bilateral, regional and global level in combatting terrorism and violent extremism conducive to terrorism. At the national and international level, the State of Qatar has taken concrete action to implement the provisions of resolution 1373 and all subsequent resolutions in addition to the elements of the UN Global Counterterrorism Strategy and its biennial reviews.

Mr. Chair,

The State of Qatar among other Member States have often emphasized principles such as the centrality of international cooperation, commitment to the sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence of all States, respect for human rights and compliance with international humanitarian and human rights law in countering terrorism, and not associating terrorism and violent extremism with any

religion, nationality or civilization. If we learned anything over the past 20 years, it is that such principles are essential for the effectiveness and success of counterterrorism efforts.

We have also learned that it is essential to address the root causes of terrorism and the underlying conditions and drivers that enable it to spread and operate. In that regard the State of Qatar has been actively pursuing policies in service of the achievement of SDGs, guaranteeing the right to education, and engagement and employment of the youth among others.

In addition, the past 20 years have taught us that terrorism is an ever-changing challenge, which requires constant coping with the emerging threats and aspects, such as terrorists exploiting new ICT, UATs and digital financial instruments to recruit and commit their criminal acts.

In this respect it is reassuring that the Council has kept up with the multifaceted aspects of the terrorist threat and adopted resolutions addressing issues ranging from FTFs to financing for terrorism to threats to civil aviation and soft targets.

Taking into account the need to be one step ahead of the terrorist threat, the State of Qatar has been supporting UNOCT's strategic programs especially in cutting-edge areas, such as behavioural insights.

Mr. Chair,

I would like to take the opportunity of this solemn occasion to express condolences to the families of victims of terrorism, support for the survivors, and solidarity with affected countries. The State of Qatar reaffirms rejection of terrorism in all forms and manifestations and that terrorism is criminal and unjustifiable regardless of motivations, whenever and by whomsoever committed. Finally, it reaffirms commitment to continue to be an effective force in the global fight to eradicate this scourge.

Thank you.