

Opening Remarks by Mr. Mauro Miedico, UNOCT/UNCCT Director

Global Compact Working Group on PCVE: Special Event in Commemoration of the "International Day for the Prevention of Violent Extremism as and when Conducive to Terrorism"

> 12 February 2024, 10:00 – 11:30 am (EST) Virtual (MS Teams)

Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen, Dear Colleagues,

Let me begin by extending a warm welcome to you all, and especially to our colleagues and guest speakers who are joining us from around the world.

I am very pleased as the Chair of the Gobal Counter Terrorism Coordination Compact Working Group on Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism (PCVE) together with the Vice-Chairs and representatives from the UN Alliance of Civilizations Ms. Nihal Saad, UNESCO Ms. Cecilia Barbieri, and UNDP Ms. Helena Sterwe, to intervene at event to commemorate the International Day for the Prevention of Violent Extremism as and when Conducive to Terrorism.

Dear Nihal, Cecilia, Helena thank you for your longstanding commitment and constant active engagement with the Working Group on PCVE. Our Working G -Level Action Group on Preventing Violent Extremism.

As we all know, violent extremism conducive to terrorism poses a serious threat that undermines UN efforts to maintain peace and security, foster sustainable development, promote respect for human rights and deliver humanitarian aid.

It is an affront to humanity that knows no borders affecting people of all ages, cultures, religions, and nationalities.

The International Day for the Prevention of Violent Extremism as and when Conducive to Terrorism, established by the General Assembly in its resolution 77/243, is an opportunity to highlight the essential

commitment of Member States, the United Nations system and all relevant stakeholders including civil society, religious leaders, youth, the private sector, academia and the media to prevention efforts and renew our commitments to join forces in addressing the challenge of violent extremism.

The Gobal Counter Terrorism Coordination Compact Working Group on PCVE provides an excellent

As an example, the UNOCT Global Programme on Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism has supported more than 3000 beneficiaries in 60 Member States globally since 2020. We work with government officials, young people, journalists, religious leaders, and the private sector to build key PCVE skills and practice in countering terrorist narratives, youth-driven policy design, Mental Health, and

Artificial Intelligence.

Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen, dear colleagues,

States, and global partners to share

experiences on how prevention policies and programme support can assist in addressing violent extremist threats, to raise awareness about violent extremism, and to enhance international cooperation in this regard.

PCVE programming. We will hear the stories of the real impact on real people and real communities, working together to act to proactively address the conditions conducive to the spread of terrorism.

I firmly believe that the collaboration fostered during this event, amplifying the coherence of the Gobal Counter Terrorism Coordination Compact Working Group on PCVE, and the observance of the International Day will certainly contribute to increasing our collective reflection on how we can be more effective in preventing violent extremism.

Thank you.