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International Day for the Prevention of Violent Extremism as and when Conducive to Terrorism

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

Today, as we stand together to commemorate the International Day for the Prevention of Violent Extremism as and when Conducive to Terrorism, we reaffirm the right to peaceful, inclusive, and stable societies for all.

Violent extremism continues to pose a threat to international peace and security, undermining the United Nations' efforts to foster sustainable development, promote respect for human rights, and deliver humanitarian aid.

The United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy and the Pact for the Future acknowledge that effectively sustaining peace requires addressing the drivers of terrorism and violent extremism, and the conditions conducive to their spread.

At a time of profound global transformation, the Pact for the Future, which underscores the importance of whole-of-government and whole-of-society approaches to prevent and counter violent extremism, challenges us to transform our commitments into actions that will lead to real, sustainable change.

Actions that not only prevent the conditions conducive to violent extremism but actively promote a culture of peace, tolerance, and understanding.

As we continue to navigate this complex global challenge, it is critical to remember that preventing violent extremism requires multifaceted approaches centered in the promotion and protection of gender equality, human rights, and the rule of law.

This involves strengthening communities, addressing grievances, empowering women, and youth, investing in education, and ensuring inclusive development for all.

It demands that we challenge hatred, misinformation, and the forces that seek to divide us, and instead foster dialogue, trust, and respect for human dignity.

And it means recognizing that prevention is not a one-time effort but a sustained commitment.

We need long-term multifaceted solutions that are rooted in cooperation across all sectors- governments, international and regional organizations, civil society, educators, religious leaders, and the private sector.

The United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism is committed to continue supporting Member States in delivering programmatic activities that yield tangible impacts on the ground, in line with the Pact for the Future, the United Nations Plan of Action to Prevent Violent Extremism, and the Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy.

Today, we come together to call on Member States to turn their commitments to counter terrorism and prevent violent extremism conducive to terrorism into meaningful action.

Let us ensure that the Pact for the Future is a blueprint for action - a path that leads us towards a more peaceful future for all.

Thank you.