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Global Counterterrorism Strategy and relevant Security Council resolutions. Pillar 1 of the Global Counterterrorism Strategy specifically calls upon all Member States and the UN system to pursue and reinforce development and social inclusion agendas at the local level as goals in themselves, recognizing that success in this area, especially on youth unemployment, could reduce marginalization and the subsequent sense of victimization that propels extremism and the recruitment of terrorists. Youth unemployment, therefore, is one of the UN's major priorities in its overall initiatives and activities against terrorism and violent extremism.

Over the years, the international community has come to recognize the critical importance of youth in preventing the spread of violent extremism, stemming conflict, promoting economic development, strengthening community resilience and engendering

gaining exposure to international and national good practices on institute management with the ultimate aim to "facilitate students of participating +3 + institutions acquire necessary skills, earn a better livelihood, support their families and stay safe from criminality/.

Over the course of the next few days, this training will delve deep into key areas of +3 + management and administration, with a special focus on enhancing the expertise and understanding of principals, managers and senior teachers and equipping them with the tools to strengthen and revitalize their +3 + schools. The eminent set of national and international trainers we have gathered will deliver guidance on assessing a +3 + institution's organizational capacity and technical expertise, successful models on training delivery, liaison with industry and the private sector, fundraising, career guidance and student performance and achievement. Each day, we will spend some time in practicing the development of comprehensive institutional developmental plans that would allow trainees to acquire the skill sets on successful +3 + management. We are confident that the expertise that the trainers bring with them would generate active discussions, and help +3 + institutions grow stronger and more productive. We are also hopeful that this exercise would contribute to the excellent work that the Government and the Prime Minister's Youth Programme has undertaken over the years, and provide leverage to these too institutions as they expand their activities further.

This workshop is the UK's first capacity-building activity in Pakistan, but it is not the last. Pakistan is one of the most important supporters of the UN system, especially in bringing and keeping the peace in conflict-ridden societies, and the UK has also enjoyed a productive relationship with Pakistan. The strength and activity level of the UK Country team reflects the scope of our partnership. We are therefore grateful to both the Government of Pakistan and the UK Country team for their collaboration with the UK on this important endeavour.