

Closing Statement by Mr. Vladimir Voronkov, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism

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Your Excellency Minister of Foreign Affairs Aslov,
Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Second, we must ensure that we continue to respect human rights while fighting terrorism. As the Secretary-General said in his landmark speech in London in November - terrorism

Third, implementation should be our watchword.

We already have a strong international counter-terrorism framework through the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, General Assembly and Security Council resolutions, as well as nineteen international conventions and many regional instruments.

They are true manifestations of the international rule of law. But signing them, adopting them or ratifying them is not enough. More needs to be done to implement them.

I hope that the forthcoming review of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy will be an opportunity to take stock on where implementation by Member States is working well and identify where the United Nations can provide further capacity-building assistance.

Excellencies,

The fight against terrorism is one of the greatest challenges of our times.

Terrorist groups have adapted and evolved their tactics to maximize their ability to spread fear, sow discontent and harm our communities.

We must also adapt and evolve so we can stay at least one step ahead of the terrorist threat of tomorrow.

If we fail in this challenge, we will be condemning future generations to the same terror that our generation has endured.

On behalf of the Secretary-General, you have the full support of the United Nations in your efforts.

We look forward to continuing to play our part to help strengthen international cooperation to protect all our citizens from terrorism and violent extremism.

Thank you.