

**Opening statement by Mr. Vladimir Voronkov,
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Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,
Dear colleagues,

Welcome to this second virtual UNCCT Advisory Board meeting. I hope you, your families and your staff are all safe and healthy despite these trying times.

I am pleased to inform you that UNCCT staff continue to do well while rising to the challenges created by the COVID-19 pandemic. While many have had to work from their small apartments, taking care of kids that cannot go to school, and while we all miss the daily engagement with colleagues, we continued to work and deliver impactful capacity-building assistance to requesting Member States during the past few months.

My colleagues will brief you

On 9 October I received KPMG's final report of its evaluation of the UNCCT 5-Year

Structurally, KPMG recommends the capacity-building work of UNOCT to be

Excellencies, Ladies and gentlemen,

Let me now turn to the important aspect of visibility, as my last point.

Since we last met, Ambassador Al-Mouallimi and I launched the Virtual UNCCT Expo, which was promoted extensively throughout the Virtual CT Week in early July. I want to again thank those of you who took part in this event.

The Expo was a