Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you all to the launch of the second edition of the joint UNOCT-INTERPOL handbook for using the Internet and social media for counter-terrorism investigations.

I would like to express our sincere appreciation to Special Representative Odd Reidar Humlegard and our partners at INTERPOL – and Ambassador Osuga Takeshi for Japan'

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Ensuring that Member States have the capacity to collect and process such information is recognized as a counter-terrorism priority by the Security Council.

And the General Assembly, in its seventh review of the Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy this past June, requested that UNOCT supports innovative measures and approaches to build the capacity of Member States for the challenges and opportunities that new technologies provide in preventing and countering terrorism.

These efforts are spear-headed by the Global Programme on Cybersecurity and New Technologies of the United Nations Counter-

This handbook will assist Member States in building their online investigation capacities following principles of accountability, competency, objectivity, and legality to upgradito