

REMARKS

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**Thank you, Mauro,
Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,**

I am honoured by the opportunity to, once again, join USG Vladimir Voronkov in opening another UNOCT event, which brings together different stakeholders to have a timely discussion of an important issue in the field of counterterrorism.

Dear Colleagues,

Critical infrastructure, open public spaces and other so-called are uniquely vulnerable to terrorist attacks and deserve continued efforts to mitigate all sorts of risks. In this field, international cooperation and partnerships among a wide range of actors are needed. For iteleBTF314Γf5,0 or iteleBTF314Γf5,0 For it5 g

But although UAS technology is relatively new, it has proven accessible to actors with limited resources, which makes it especially dangerous.

The open nature of so- targets is cause for special concern in this regard as it makes them prime targets. Therefore, there is a need for specific measures to protect them, and to anticipate and thwart misuse of drones by terrorist groups.

But while UAS can be a threat in the wrong hands, this versatile technology can be harnessed by Member States and the United Nations in the context of security and as a useful addition to the CT toolkit. This includes intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, border security and management, and protection of vulnerable targets.

To that end, we are confident that the sessions today and tomorrow would contribute to protection against the threat posed by UAS both through discussion of policy frameworks, and discussion of practical approaches to prevention(315) 3.15 ET