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UNOCT and the Shura Council of the State of Qatar establishes new cooperation against terrorism and violent extremism

New York, 17 February 2020 – Today, the United Nations Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT) Mr. Vladimir Voronkov and H.E. the Speaker of the Shura Council of the State of Qatar Ahmed bin Abdullah bin Zaid Al Mahmoud signed a Memorandum of Understanding to establish a new partnership against terrorism and violent extremism conducive to terrorism. Ms. Gabriela Cuevas Barron, President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union was also in attendance.

UNOCT and the Shura Council of the State of Qatar agreed to deliver joint initiatives to promote the active engagement of parliamentarians from all over the world in countering terrorism and violent extremism conducive to terrorism as well as to promote a balanced and integrated implementation of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy and relevant resolutions of the United Nations Security Council. The agreement foresees different modalities of cooperation, including the possible establishment of a programme office to support its implementation.

H.E. Mr. Ahmed bin Abdullah Al Mahmoud, Speaker of the Shura Council of the State of Qatar, affirmed the importance of signing the Memorandum, and the great role played by parliaments in adopting legislations to counter and prevent terrorism. He also highlighted the role that will be played by the programme office to engage parliamentarians from all over the world and support their capacities in this field.

Mr. Voronkov expressed appreciation to the Speaker of the Shura Council of the State of Qatar for his personal strong commitment to strengthening collaboration with UNOCT. “The partnership framework will certainly give a new impetus to the collective efforts of the United Nations and parliamentary assemblies to promote stronger contribution of parliamentarians to the international counter-terrorism efforts.”

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