



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

15 July 2008

Excellency,

The United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy was adopted unanimously by the General Assembly in September 2006. When adopting the Strategy, the General Assembly decided to review progress made in the implementation in two years. In this regard, a plenary meeting of the General Assembly under agenda item 118 will take place on 4 and, if needed, 5 September 2008, depending on the list of speakers.

The Facilitator, Ambassador Gert Rosenthal, Permanent Representative of Guatemala to the United Nations has started consultations with Member States on the outcome of the General Assembly meeting. I call on all delegations to work closely with the Facilitator to achieve a result that embodies our clear determination to strengthen the international cooperation to counter terrorism and to continue to undertake further implementation measures with respect to all parts of the Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy beyond the current session of the General Assembly.

The UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy reflects the consensus and unity of all Member States and can be used as a means to build upon concrete collaborative projects. Since the Strategy does not provide for any formal reporting mechanism, I invite you to use the opportunity during this meeting to share your best practices identified and programmes undertaken in the implementation process that would be beneficial for all. Member States may also wish to discuss the ways the Strategy can be used to attune the global, regional and sub-regional efforts to counter terrorism.

I look forward to a fruitful and active debate and encourage you to include officials from your capital in your delegation to the meeting.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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