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Excellencies,

Dear Friends & Colleagues,

Since we met last year, we have seen significant developments in our organization, made possible through the continued support and strategic vision of our hosts in the United Arab Emirates and the ever-increasing support of our eleven International Steering Board members as well as a number of our international partners who are represented here today. We sincerely thank you for your generous contributions and continued commitment to the success of your International Center of Excellence, Hedayah.

We continue to set ourselves as an independent and neutral global institution that is committed to empowering communities and governments to counter violent extremism through understanding and analyzing the risks of radicalization and recruitment, sharing good practices, engaging in constructive dialogue and implementing effective evidence-based programs. We believe that this approach allows us not only to bridge the gap between policy and practice, but more importantly strive to evaluate and measure the effectiveness of our programs on the ground.

I would like to take the opportunity to highlight four major programs that reflect this approach:

The first program is the launch of “MASAR”, which is a smart phone app that assists practitioners and policymakers in crafting a plan for monitoring, measurement and evaluation of P/CVE programs and projects. MASAR, which means "path" or "trajectory" in Arabic, helps steer designers of P/CVE programs on the right "path" to achieving measurable outcomes and projecting the impact in terms of reducing radicalization and recruitment to violent extremism.

The second program is the EU Global Strive Program, in which we are supporting local NGOS to develop research and capacity building programs and projects in Central Asia and Turkey. With twelve total projects under this program, we have successfully concluded five research projects in Turkey, Georgia, Monte Negro and Albania and have five ongoing CVE projects in Kyrgyzstan, Macedonia and Georgia to be concluded in Spring 2019.

The third program is the Capacity Building Program on Vulnerable & Radicalized Youth/Children, which is supported by the National Counter Terrorism Commission in Tunisia in order to design a National Program to prevent and effectively address the violent radicalization of children and youth at the national and the local level. By the end of this month, we will deliver the last training module to social defense and child detention centers in Le Grand Tunis in Tunisia. This program has not only increased awareness and understanding of radicalization leading to violent extremism but more importantly has increased operational capabilities by providing technical support on how to develop effective projects on youth radicalization.

The fourth program is Preventing Violent Extremism through Education (PVE-E). Following our long-standing involvement in CVE and education, Hedayah has been working closely with international partners such as the UNESCO, the UNESCO International Institute for Capacity Building in Africa (IICBA), UNDP Bangkok regional office and the Commonwealth Secretariat to develop a comprehensive capacity building curriculum on Prevention of Violent Extremism (PVE-E). Hedayah has two strands in which this program is operating currently.

The first is focused in East Africa and the second in South East Asia. Upon completion of our capacity building program in Uganda, we have seen significant data to show that the material and activities used to train the teachers are being integrated into the existing curricula in classrooms. The second capacity building program within this strand will take place in South Sudan in early October.

Additionally, our office in Washington DC continues expand our PCVE National Action Plans Task Force and our program on CVE Community Policing. Since November 2016, the office has conducted 17 initiatives, with 23 countries and 482 participants. Hedayah with its partners has successfully published National Action Plans in Kenya, Nigeria, Pakistan and Somalia.

Hedayah plans to continue our PCVE National Action Plans program with partner countries and expand our train the trainer support to UNDP and others. Within our community policing program, our office is currently engaging in a more intensive follow up phase with police service and police academy leaders from Jordan, Kosovo and Nigeria and has planned preliminary work with Morocco and Tanzania.

To this end, I would like to conclude by saying that Hedayah's accomplishments since its inception in 2012, would not be possible without your support and for that we thank you. Hedayah is your center and is here to serve the needs of the international community in our shared effort to confront radicalization and recruitment to violent extremism.

Thank you for your attention and we look forward to connecting with you during the course of this meeting.

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