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THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

MESSAGE TO PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF THE MEDITERRANEAN
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The Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean provides an important platform for dialogue that extends beyond traditional intergovernmental cooperation. This is essential in our turbulent and rapidly changing world.

I commend the members of this Assembly for supporting the implementation of Security Council Resolution 2178. Restricting the international flow of terrorist fighters to and from conflict zones is an important component of our joint efforts to prevent and counter violent extremism.

I look forward to further cooperation between the United Nations and this Assembly, not just on counterterrorism, but on our wider common objectives of maintaining peace and security, supporting sustainable development and promoting respect for human rights.

The United Nations system is committed to supporting all countries to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals so all people may enjoy peace and prosperity on a healthy planet.

I wish you a productive meeting.