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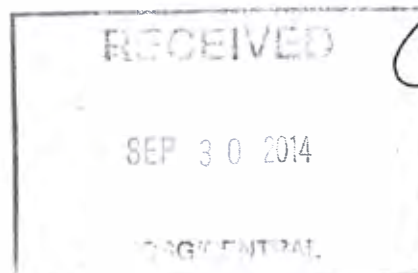
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Note to Ms. Malcorra

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**FIFTH MINISTERIAL MEETING OF THE GLOBAL COUNTER-TERRORISM
FORUM (GCTF)**

1. The Global Counter-Terrorism Forum (GCTF) is organising its Fifth Ministerial Plenary on 23 September at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York. This meeting will be Co-chaired by the US Secretary of State, H.E. John Kerry, and the Turkish Foreign Minister, H.E. Mevlut Çavuşoğlu. All GCTF Member States are expected to participate in this ministerial meeting. The Ministerial Plenary will focus on the phenomenon of "Foreign Terrorist Fighters" (FTF) and countering violent extremism (CVE) among other issues.
2. Thirty (30) UN Member States, including the five permanent members of the Security Council, are members of the GCTF. The long term GCTF goal is to reduce the vulnerability of people to terrorism everywhere by effectively preventing, combating, and prosecuting terrorist acts as well as countering incitement and recruitment to terrorism. The United Nations is a GCTF partner and collaborates with the GCTF through the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force (CTITF) Office. The Administrative Unit of the GCTF is based in Washington D.C.
3. At the first GCTF Plenary Meeting held in September 2011, the Secretary-General welcomed the partnership between the United Nations and the GCTF and encouraged close collaboration between the United Nations and the GCTF. The CTITF entities, including CTED, UNODC, UNESCO, UNICRI, OHCHR, the Al-Qaida and Taliban Monitoring Team, and the CTITF Office / UNCCT, participate in relevant GCTF meetings and collaborate with GCTF Member States in the implementation of joint projects.
- ✓ 4. The US Mission has approached the CTITF Office and explored the possibility of the Secretary-General's participation in the Fifth Ministerial Plenary on 23 September. I represented the Secretary-General in last year's Ministerial Plenary. This year, more attention will be paid to this Ministerial Plenary in view of the Islamic State (IS) related developments in the Middle East and the Security Council High-Level Meeting on "Foreign Terrorist Fighters" that the US President, Barack Obama, will convene on 24 September. However, it might be difficult to find time for this meeting in the Secretary-General's programme during this busy period, especially due to the extra travel time it may take between the Secretariat Building and the Waldorf Astoria Hotel. It is therefore recommended that, like the previous years, I represent the Secretary-General at the Plenary and deliver the Secretary-General's message.
- ✓ 5. I would be grateful for your approval.



Jeffrey Feltman
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