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Monsieur le Secrétaire Général

**Objet : Réponse à la lettre de remerciements de M. Mike Smith/Visite de suivi  
de la DECT au Maroc.**

J'ai l'honneur de vous soumettre, ci-joint, un projet de réponse à la lettre qui vous été adressée par M. Mike Smith, Directeur Exécutif du Comité contre le Terrorisme (DECT) suite à la visite effectuée par sa Direction au Maroc, du 11 et 15 mars 2013.

Pour le Directeur et P.O

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Chef de la Division  
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*Le Secrétaire Général*

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Mr. Mike Smith  
Executive Director  
CTED- New York

Dear Executive Director,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 21 March 2013, at the end of a week-long visit to Morocco (10-16 March) and convey to you my deep appreciation for the praiseworthy comments on the overall CTED mission and its proceedings.

Indeed, your visit along with your team to Morocco was full of events and offered to us an opportunity to follow up and interact on the progress achieved by Morocco in implementing CTED's recommendations and discuss views on ways to improve addressing the challenges ahead.

As outlined in our discussions, Morocco has established a comprehensive and multidimensional counter-terrorism strategy rooted in its early commitment to contribute actively to the preservation of peace and security at all levels. Our approach is guided by Morocco's attachment to the values of tolerance, human rights, fundamental freedoms and the Rule of Law.

Morocco believes that international and regional cooperation is crucial in the prevention and fight against terrorism. The Conference on the cooperation in border control in the Sahel and Maghreb organized jointly with the CTED, highlighted the relevance of promoting a fruitful regional cooperation in fighting terrorist threats and criminals and has shown clearly that the situation prevailing currently in the Sahel region poses grave and serious threats to all neighboring countries. It is against this background that my country reaffirms the need of closer interregional cooperation between Maghreb and Sahel countries likely to stop the spread of terrorism and all kinds of trafficking in the region.

I take this opportunity to commend the actions taken and efforts put during your tenure as Director Executive of the CTED and congratulate you on the work done brilliantly, particularly through conducting country visits and facilitating the Provision of Technical Assistance to Member States.

Last but not least, I welcome your prospects of paying a private visit to Morocco and trust this venture would allow more time to dwell upon some attractions and found out more on the multi-faceted heritage of Morocco.

Wishing you all the best please accept, Dear Mr. Smith, my sincere and highest consideration.

Yours sincerely

Nasser Bourita  
Secretary General