



INTERNET AND THE
RADICALIZATION
OF YOUTH:
**PREVENTING, ACTING
AND LIVING TOGETHER**

Québec's Call for Action

We, the participants of the conference entitled “Internet and the Radicalization of Youth: Preventing, Acting and Living Together”:

- **CONCERNED** by the demonstrations of intolerance and violent extremism threatening the efforts made on a national and international scale to foster peace, security, protection and the promotion of human rights, the rule of law and sustainable development;
- **CONSIDERING** that radicalization leading to violence is an evolving, multi-faceted global phenomenon that is not associated with any single religion, ideology or people;
- **HIGHLIGHTING** that the prevention of radicalization leading to violence is a shared responsibility in view of the principles and values enshrined in numerous international human rights instruments;
- **ANSWERING** the call of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and his Plan of Action to Prevent Violent Extremism;
- **REAFFIRMING** the importance of taking a multidimensional approach to analyzing and preventing the root causes of radicalization leading to violence;
- **CONCERNED** about the dissemination of violent extremist ideas through new means of communication, which are exploited for the purposes of extremist propaganda, recruitment by radical groups and incitement to commit violent acts motivated by hate and intolerance;
- **EMPHASIZING** that new technologies are also tools for preventing radicalization leading to violence, especially since they make it possible to present a counternarrative on the Internet to encourage citizen education and critical thinking in support of human rights, dialogue, mutual understanding and tolerance;
- **REAFFIRMING** the relevance of working to ensure that the sustainable development goals adopted under the auspices of the United Nations as part of the 2030 Agenda are fully achieved.

- 1. CALL ON** the international community to cooperate and strengthen efforts to prevent youth radicalization and fight against violent extremism in all its forms;
- 2. ENCOURAGE** all governments to implement measures for preventing radicalization leading to violence and to elaborate national policies or action plans dedicated to this end;
- 3. RECOMMEND** questioning the narratives and ideas on which extremist groups are founded through the development of consistent counternarratives and through education on information and communication technologies that is inclusive and that emphasizes the development of critical thinking, tolerance and respect for human rights;

- 4. ENCOURAGE** all stakeholders to facilitate access to and use of the Internet and new communication technologies as tools and platforms that help prevent radicalization and violent extremism, condemn violence and hate speech, and promote inclusion, equality and intercultural dialogue;
- 5. URGE** governments to engage and empower youth to lead new digital projects that foster peace, tolerance and mutual understanding and to spread the message far and wide;

All stakeholders are asked to draw inspiration from this Québec's Call for Action in order to establish an inclusive and conducive environment for ensuring the effective prevention of radicalization and violent extremism.