Ghada Waly, newly appointed Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), who also serves as Director-General of the United Nations Office at Vienna (UNOV), addressing the opening of the tenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime on 12 October 2020 at the Vienna International Centre.

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UNSCEAR evaluates the levels and effects of exposure to ionizing radiation and reports the findings to the General Assembly, the scientific community and the general public. These reports provide the scientific basis for radiation protection measures used by governments and international bodies. The UNSCEAR Secretariat is headed by Borislava Batandjieva-Metcalf.

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