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Mr. Chairman,

At the outset, as this is the first time the Delegation of Ukraine is having the floor, allow me to congratulate you and other Bureau Members on your election. I pledge my Delegation's full support and cooperation to all your efforts towards successful outcome of the current session.

Mr. Chairman,

Distinguished Delegates,

While aligning itself with the statement delivered by the distinguished representative of the European Union, the Delegation of Ukraine would also like to speak on this important topic from our national perspective.

We would like to reiterate our firm condemnation of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, regardless of its motivations and objectives. Ukraine reaffirms its strong commitment to fight against this world's evil.

Ukraine supports the central role of the United Nations in the global effort to suppress international terrorism. Particularly, we would like to notice with appreciation the work of the CTITF and UNODC.

The recent review of the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy has been an important step forward. We call upon all member states to continue implementation of the entire set of measures contained in the Strategy.

We welcome the Secretary General's Report on Technical assistance for implementing the international conventions and protocols related to terrorism (document A/66/157) and conclusions contained therein. As a party to all UN Conventions and Protocols on counterterrorism, the Delegation of Ukraine calls upon all member states who haven't done so, to consider becoming a party to the relevant international instruments.

Ukraine supports the activities of the Security Council's counter-terrorism committees and commends the recent steps by the Security Council aimed at the reinforcement of fair and clear procedures in UN sanctions regimes. My country remains committed to the full implementation of Security Council's and General Assembly resolutions on counter-terrorism.

We commend the Secretary General for organizing the High Level Meeting on Countering Nuclear Terrorism on September 28, 2012. Nuclear terrorism, as well as proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, continues to be one of the most challenging threats to international security. I am proud to say that my country plays one of the leading roles in preventing nuclear terrorism. Furthering its longstanding goals in nuclear nonproliferation, Ukraine has responsibly implemented its pledge to get rid of all national stocks of highly enriched uranium. The meaning of this voluntary step is clear - Ukraine is a consistent and reliable partner who makes valuable contribution to combating nuclear terrorism as well as strengthening the entire system of nuclear safety and security.

The Government of Ukraine keeps working on the improvement of our national laws, regulations and policies to secure their compliance with modern challenges posed by the terrorist threats. Current Criminal Code of Ukraine provides for liability not only for the preparation to or direct perpetration of a terrorist act, but also for inspiration of and providing financial or material assistance to organizers of such an act.

The competent authorities of Ukraine have established fruitful and confident bilateral links with their counterparts from many states. For instance, State Committee for Financial Monitoring, which is the main counter-money laundering arm of the Government of Ukraine, has signed about 40 bilateral cooperation arrangements with its partners in other countries to counter money-laundering and terrorism financing.

In March last year the Government of Ukraine adopted national strategy aimed at developing a system of prevention of and counteraction to laundering of proceeds of crimes and terrorism financing for the period until 2015. This document fully complies with the provisions of the Global Counter Terrorism Strategy and human rights obligations. Unprecedented and, obviously, quite successful counter-terrorism measures were adopted and implemented by law-enforcement agencies of Ukraine and Poland in the context of the 2012 European Football Championship hosted by the two countries.

Ukraine is a party to about 20 multilateral conventions and protocols in the field of counter-terrorism. Ukrainian Government is actively involved in counter-terrorism cooperation with many international and regional organizations, including United Nations, OSCE, Council of Europe, and Financial Action Task Force on Money Laundering (FATF). A quite positive experience has been demonstrated within Organization for Democracy and Economic Development - GUAM where its member states, Ukraine, Azerbaijan, Georgia and Moldova, take additional measures to prevent and suppress perpetration and financing of terrorist acts at the sub-regional level.

While a lot has been accomplished, there are still many things to be done to make our efforts more effective and more advanced. One of the most important tasks is completion of the Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism. We consider that the 2007 proposals might be a good basis for consensus among all delegations. We call upon all member states to intensify their efforts aimed at finalizing the negotiation process in the nearest future.

Finally, I would like to underline that Ukraine will continue to be committed to cooperation at international, regional and sub-regional levels in order to make world-wide environment completely intolerable towards terrorism and its supporters.

Thank you for your attention.