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MEASURES TO ELIMINATE INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM**

Mr. Chairman

Liechtenstein strongly condemns all acts of terrorism, irrespective of their motivation, wherever and by whomever committed. We also reaffirm our commitment to contribute to the fullest extent to the international fight against terrorism in all its aspects, including through cooperation with the relevant UN bodies. Liechtenstein has ratified all 13 universal counter-terrorism treaties and the amendments thereto. We have submitted seven reports to the Security Council's Counter-terrorism Committee, and we continue to support the work of other relevant SC Committees, such as the Al Qaida Sanctions Committee. As a member of the Group of Like-minded Countries, Liechtenstein will continue to promote the effectiveness and legitimacy of terrorism-related sanctions regimes. In this regard, we would like to highlight the crucial role of the Ombudsperson, Ms. Kimberly Prost, whose independent advice has led to impressive improvements of the Al Qaida sanctions list. We call upon the Council to further enhance fair and clear procedures, and to apply them to other sanctions regimes, as appropriate.

Mr. Chairman

The United Nations stands at the center of our global efforts to combat terrorism. The respective roles of the Security Council, the General Assembly and the UN Secretariat are to a

great degree complementary and mutually reinforcing. The Sixth Committee has also made important contributions in the past, in particular by drafting numerous international conventions in the field of counter-terrorism. Particular mention should be made of the 1997 Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings, the 1999 Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Financing, and the 2005 Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism.

Counter-terrorism work at UN Headquarters is becoming increasingly crowded. We should therefore consider what the role of the Sixth Committee should be, where we can add value, and how we can avoid duplication. Since the Committee will not consider the draft comprehensive convention during this session, we will only have this debate as well as the annual resolution, which can be described as “traditional” at best. Only a few days from now, however, the GA Plenary will also debate the issue of counter-terrorism, and presumably negotiate a draft resolution on the review of the UN Counter-terrorism Strategy. This strikes us a rather unnecessary duplication.

We would therefore like to reiterate our proposal that the Sixth Committee should consider this agenda item on a biennial basis, alternating with the GA’s biennial consideration of the UN Counter-terrorism Strategy. Adapting the current duplicative work schedule would improve our output. Let us focus on the quality of our work, rather than its quantity.

I thank you.