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Mr. Chairman,

My delegation congratulates you and the Members of the Bureau on your election in the Chairmanship of this Committee during the 69th Session of the General Assembly and assures you of our full support during the work of the committee under your leadership.

Mr. Chairman,

The Government of Georgia considers combating international terrorism as one of the major priorities for maintaining international peace and security and condemns in the strongest terms all despicable acts of terrorism and violence. Georgia has contributed to the peace and development in Iraq and currently continues to do so in Afghanistan and Central African Republic. Georgia sponsored the recent UNSC resolution 2178 (2014) and fully supports the efforts of the coalition to defeat ISIL and to bring peace in the region. We believe it is only with joint efforts and commitment that we can stop, reverse and prevent such violent actions from happening.

Mr. Chairman,

In order to meet international standards as well as to implement international instruments, Georgia has undertaken several legislative as well as practical measures regarding the prevention and suppression of international terrorism. These measures include: signing

and ratification of universal, regional, and bilateral counter terrorism instruments; and their implementation into national policy and legislation; implementation of all relevant resolutions of the Security Council; implementation of recommendations of the Financial Action Task Force on financing terrorism; developing coordination mechanism, as well as national strategy and action plan for combating terrorism financing and others.

Georgia is a Party to the 13 international counter-terrorism instruments, as well as the Council of Europe's Convention on the Suppression of Terrorism and its Amending Protocol and Council of Europe Convention on Laundering, Search, Seizure and Confiscation of the Proceeds from Crime and on the Financing of Terrorism. All those instruments have already been implemented into national legislation.

At the bilateral level, Georgia has concluded bilateral international agreements with a number of countries), which inter alia addresses the fight against terrorism. At the regional level, Georgia participates in the multilateral instruments on the fight against terrorism concluded within BSEC (Black Sea Economic Cooperation) and GUAM (Georgia, Ukraine, Azerbaijan, Moldova - Organization for Democracy and Economic Development).

Mr. Chairman,

For the purpose of implementing the UN Security Council resolutions, Georgian authorities maintain the lists of persons suspected of terrorist activities or being in relation with other persons or organizations involved in or suspected to be involved in terrorist activities. The list is regularly updated based on operative information and is shared with relevant state structures. The list is also regularly checked against the lists maintained under UN Security Council Resolution 1267. The List is subject to regular review.

In order to address more comprehensively all the requirements of the United Nations Security Council Resolutions related to fight against terrorism an Interagency Commission on Implementation of the UN Security Council Resolutions has been established in December 2011. Governmental Decree on the Establishment of the Governmental Commission on the Matters related to the Execution of the United Nations Resolutions provides for a legal framework for implementing UNSCR 1267 and its successor resolutions and UNSCR 1373 as well as other resolutions related to the sanctions regimes.

The commission conducts its work on three major directions: assets freeze, travel ban and arms embargo on individuals and entities associated with terrorist acts.

The Commission is itself authorized to send a motion the court for freezing the assets of persons designated under the UN Security Council Resolutions. While the arms embargo and travel ban is implemented by the special Task Force established by the Commission.

Task Force is mandated to determine issues related to restriction of freedom of movement of persons and of issuance of permit on import, export, re-export, transit, temporary import and/or export of goods subjected to export and import control in line with UNSCRs.

In December, 2013, the Government of Georgia established the Anti Money Laundering and terrorism financing Council which has developed comprehensive action plan to improve its system to combat money-laundering and the financing of terrorism, which was approved by the Resolution of Government in March, 2014.

Mr. Chairman,

As I make this statement, 20 percent of my nation's territory remains under Russia's illegal military occupation. I would like to underline that in these circumstances, when the Government of Georgia is denied de facto control over its regions, the overall responsibility for security situation rests solely with the state exercising the effective control.

Mr. Chairman,

Fighting with international terrorism remains on the top agenda of the Government of Georgia and it will continue its efforts in this direction. Georgia as a reliable ally and capable partner will remain consistent in its efforts to ensure security and stability in the region and around the globe.

I thank you.