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Statement
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Mr. Chairman,
Distinguished Delegates,

First of all let me join the previous speakers in congratulating you, Sir, on your election as Chair of the Six Committee. Our congratulations also go to the other members of the Bureau. We assure you of our full cooperation and support in discharging your important duty.

I also would like to associate myself with the statement made by the Republic of Armenia on behalf of the Member States of the Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO).

Mr. Chairman,

I take this opportunity to express on behalf of my delegation deepest condolences to the families of the victims of the recent terrorist attack at a peaceful demonstration in Ankara, Turkey. We share the grief and pain of the brotherly Turkish people during this difficult time and hope that the perpetrators of this barbaric attack would be brought to justice.

Kyrgyzstan rejects and condemns terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, as it cannot be justified under any circumstances. It must not be associated with any religion, nationality, civilization or ethnic groups.

Kyrgyzstan has faithfully fulfilled its obligations and is committed to constructive engagement in all levels in the fight against terrorism and extremism. We regard the UN Security Council Resolution 2178 as a decisive step in combating foreign terrorist fighters. As part of its implementation, we have directed our efforts to strengthen border controls, aviation security, capacity building of law enforcement agencies and improving the exchange of information. In February and May this year, our courts recognized the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, the Al-Nusra Front and other organizations as terrorist and extremist and banned their activities in Kyrgyzstan. On 24

July 2015 a law was adopted that establishes liability for mercenary activities and participation of citizens in armed conflicts or military actions on the territory of a foreign state.

We clearly understand that one cannot overcome terrorism through the use of force. Coercive methods have only a temporary effect and, therefore, are clearly insufficient. In this regard, the Government of Kyrgyzstan is actively using the tools of “soft power” to counter conditions conducive to the spread of terrorism. It includes improving of social and economic situation in the country, poverty reduction, creation of jobs, implementation of youth employment programs, fight against corruption, reform of law enforcement and judicial systems.

Mr. Chairman,

As a global and transnational phenomenon, terrorism can only be successfully fought through united actions. We believe that strengthening collective international cooperation mechanisms is the only means of effectively counteracting this global threat. In this regard, Kyrgyzstan reiterates its resolute support for all measures adopted within the framework of the United Nations in combating international terrorism. Such measures must be implemented in accordance with the principles of the Charter of the United Nations, international law and the relevant international conventions.

My country supports the work of the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force (CTITF) and welcomes the UN Counter-Terrorism Centre’s activities. Kyrgyzstan closely engaged with the Counter-Terrorism Committee of the United Nations Security Council and ready to continue this important cooperation.

We welcome the establishment of the Working Group in the Sixth Committee to finalize the process of drafting a comprehensive convention on international terrorism and to discuss the convening of a high-level conference on the issue under the auspices of the United Nations. We look forward to the outcome of the meetings of the Working Group at this the 70th anniversary session of the United Nations General Assembly.

Kyrgyzstan is committed to strengthening mutual cooperation as part of a coordinated international effort to combat terrorism. In that connection, we attach great importance to cooperation with other countries, as well as with relevant regional and international organizations. We are actively engaged with the anti-terrorist structures of the Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO), the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS).

In conclusion, I take this opportunity to commend all multilateral and bilateral partners working with Kyrgyzstan to carry on the fight against terrorism in all its dimensions. That fight is shared and universal, and it is the duty of the international community to remain mobilized against the inhuman and deadly phenomenon of terrorism.

Thank you.