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**STATEMENT**

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Montenegro to the United Nations

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„Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism“

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Mr Chairman,

Since it's my first time I'll be taking the floor, let me, on my personal and on behalf on my delegation, congratulate you and other members of the Bureau on your election and assure you of our support and cooperation.

Montenegro fully aligns itself with the statement of the EU.

Mr Chairman,

Montenegro strongly condemns terrorism in all its forms, and expresses our full commitment to fight against this phenomenon. Terrorism needs to be tackled head on, because its consequences are clear. Governments cannot act alone on this. We reaffirm our commitment to fully contribute to the international fight against terrorism, including through cooperation with relevant UN bodies. Therefore, Montenegro actively participates in the prevention and suppression of terrorism at all levels, multilateral and bilateral and contributes to the strengthening and development of anti-terrorism cooperation. As a party to major international counter-terrorism convention, we are dedicated to the promotion of cooperation in accordance with the relevant UN resolution, international conventions and other instruments.

We share the views that the role of the United Nations in this fight is crucial, both on the global agenda as well as on the level of assisting member states in their abilities to prevent such acts. Montenegro welcomes the international focus on countering terrorism during the 70<sup>th</sup> UNGA and the momentum created by „Summit against ISIL and violent extremism“. We strongly support the efforts in the implementation of the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, which serves as a foundation for effective and comprehensive response to counter terrorism at all level. We also recognize the important role of the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force, which is providing, promoting and coordinating international cooperation in this field and the Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee that we actively cooperate with.

Mr Chairman,

We must not forget that fundamental freedoms of people, such as human rights and rule of law, are essential institutional pillars in the fight against terrorism. Therefore, we must take all necessary measures to ensure that our fight against this phenomenon complies with international law, international humanitarian law and international refugee law.

Montenegro has never faced a terrorist act. But given that global terrorism and organized crime pose a serious threat to international peace and security, we are continuously improving the system for prevention of terrorist activities. Such measures require cooperation between relevant institution both on national and international level.

Mr. Chairman,

Terrorism is a challenge affecting us all and we cannot allow isolating ourselves. We should act together learning the lessons of the past. We need to tackle the root causes of terrorism fully aware that each country has its own speed and pace. No external power can bring about transformation of hearts and minds. That is the task for the countries and its people themselves. Montenegro remains committed in addressing this important issue, aiming at better inclusion of youth in mainstream decision making processes and reducing their political and social marginalization. As a society we will do our best to suppress this negative phenomenon in order to ensure security of our citizens, their well-being, as well as to improve our business environment – shortly, to create prosperous society, society that will use all its possibilities towards citizens in order to marginalize terrorist impact on everyday life.

I thank you Mr Chairman.