



**STATEMENT BY
THE DELEGATION OF
THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA**

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Measures to eliminate international terrorism

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Mr. Chairman,

Distinguished Delegates,

Allow me at the outset to join previous speakers in congratulating you upon your appointment as the Chair of the Sixth Committee. We also congratulate and warmly welcome the other members of the Bureau of this esteemed Committee.

My Delegation also associates itself with the statement previously made by the delegation of Cambodia on behalf of ASEAN, and the delegation of Saudi Arabia on behalf of the OIC.

We believe that under your able leadership, our deliberations will be productive, and assure you of our full cooperation.

We would also like to thank the Secretary General for his detailed report on "Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism," contained in document A/72/111.

Mr. Chairman,

Every country and nation, regardless of its belief, or its economy—developed or developing— faces the same threat and challenge of terrorism.

As we have said many times in the past, this menace knows no borders and respects no races or colors.

Terrorists continue to evolve in their methods, organization and networks.

This is why Indonesia believes that no single country can deal with this issue by itself. International cooperation is therefore key.

To this end, Indonesia reiterates the primacy of capacity building in the areas of legal frameworks, human and institutional capacity, and early warning, as essential tools to fortify States to cope with the threat of terrorism in all its manifestations.

Mr. Chairman,

Allow me to reiterate my Delegation's points of view about countering terrorism.

First, we must remember that terrorism should not be linked to a particular religion, nationality, civilization or ethnic group, and that no single country is immune to it.

Second, as part of our comprehensive counter-terrorism strategy, we need a balance of hard and soft approaches.

- By hard approach, we would strengthen legal frameworks and law enforcement.
- By soft approach, we would continue our efforts through religious and cultural methods, involving community and religious organizations.

Third, we must adjust our efforts to accommodate deradicalization and counter-radicalization programs, with the aim of rehabilitating convicted terrorists and reintegrating them into the society.

- Through this programs, we turn former-terrorist into agents to combat and prevent radicalism and extremism among terrorist's families; as well as cutting the cycle of inter-generational terrorist; increasing counter narrative in social media; and enhancing the role of women and family in counter violent-extremism.

And **Fourth**, we must combat and eliminate the terrorist financing by preventing and enhancing our financial system not to be used to create conducive conditions to terrorism.

Mr. Chairman,

Distinguished Delegates,

The world continues to face evolving terrorism challenges and threats posed by terrorist groups and networks, particular ISIL or Daesh. With its foreign terrorist fighters, the spread of extremism and radicalism from conflict areas to other parts of the region has been carried out through the phenomenon of the individual terrorist act or the so-called "lone wolf".

Indonesia, on its part, has taken several measures to tackle this issue by:

- banning ISIL as a terrorist organization,
- discouraging and preventing people from joining ISIL,
- closing and monitoring websites related to ISIL, as well as countering radical narratives on the Internet.

Moreover, Indonesia is in the process of finalizing the amendment to the Countering-Terrorism Law to address the subject of foreign terrorist fighters.

Mr. Chairman,

Before I conclude, My Delegation reaffirms our position that the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy must be implemented in a balanced manner in all its aspects.

We also believe that through its implementation, strengthened by the establishment of the UN Office of Counter Terrorism, we will undertake more action-oriented activities, in a coordinated and coherent manner.

Finally, I take this opportunity to reiterate Indonesia's commitment to working with other nations in combating terrorism.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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