



**STATEMENT OF GEORGIA  
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Mr. Chair,

From the outset, I would like to join others before me by congratulating you and other members of the bureau on the election. As we look forward to your able leadership, allow me to assure you of the full support from my delegation in all your important endeavors.

Despite the continuous efforts of the international community to prevent terrorism and bring the perpetrators to justice, modern day terrorism appears to be more challenging and ubiquitous than ever.

The "Da'esh" and other affiliated terrorist organizations remain the most obvious manifestations of international terrorism. The weakening of ISIL (Da'esh), in Syria and Iraq is a major achievement of the Global Coalition, however, it gave rise to new challenges. Expanding the network of fighters globally, regrouping based on geographical proximity and concentration in smaller groups in various countries became the priority for the terrorist organizations. It is clear that terrorist groups exploit conflict affected territories and reach far beyond, organizing attacks and radicalizing people across countries and continents.

Distinguished delegates,

I would like to underline the vital importance of strengthening international cooperation as well as intensive and timely exchange of information between law-enforcement agencies of countries.

Georgia enhanced its counter-terrorism legislation by criminalizing terrorism-related offences to a greater extent. Criminal punishment has been defined for the whole range of

activities related to foreign fighters, in accordance with the UNSC Resolution 2178 and other respective international instruments. The strengthening of legal framework resulted in effective enforcement measures to address and prosecute perpetrators connected with international terrorism. The criminal charges for participation in the ISIL (Da'esh), have been imposed to the fighters who returned to Georgia.

We welcome the visit of UN Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate to Georgia on 16-18 July 2018. The visit was aimed at enhancing dialogue between Georgia and the UN and monitoring of the implementation of the relevant resolutions by the country. We are looking forward to the final report of the CTED and believe that the recommendations will contribute to effectiveness of the national security system of Georgia.

Georgia is one of those countries who spares no efforts to prevent and combat terrorism as well as to render assistance to those in need. Georgia has co-sponsored the UNGA Resolution 71/248 aimed at establishment of the International, Impartial and Independent Mechanism to assist in the investigation and prosecution of persons responsible for the most serious crimes under international law committed in the Syrian Arab Republic since March 2011.

Furthermore, my country has accepted hundreds of asylum seekers from Syria and Iraq, who have fled the violence of ISIS. These numbers are impressive against the background of continuous occupation of 20% of my own country and the hundreds of thousands of IDP'S in Georgia.

Distinguished colleagues,

In conclusion, allow me to reiterate my strong condemnation of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, committed by whomever, wherever and for whatever purposes.

Thank you!