



**Statement by
The Delegation of Indonesia
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Mr. Chairman/Madam Chair,

Thank you,

Let me begin by joining others in congratulating you and members of the bureau, upon your assumption to the office of the Chairmanship and assure you of our support toward successful deliberations of this Committee.

We make this statement in alignment with the statement delivered (earlier) by the delegation of Cambodia on behalf of ASEAN, by the Delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran as the chair of NAM; and by the Delegation of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on behalf of the OIC.

Mr. Chairman/Madam Chair,

As my delegation has always underlined, no country is immune to terrorism, as this menace respects neither borders nor boundaries and no country—no matter how powerful—can tackle it alone.

Recently, Indonesia experienced horrific terrorist attacks in its second largest city, Surabaya. It is horrible to see that the terrorists have now involved their family in their operations.

Despite our continued efforts, terrorism remains what it has always been: a massive scourge that undermines peace and threatens political, social and economic order throughout the world. It continues to evolve and brings unique new challenges to us.

The progress being made to counter ISIL is being undermined by the emerging threat of FTF returnees and relocators.

Terrorists continue to take advantage of technology to spread their propaganda and conduct recruitment.

The attacks by self-radicalized or lone-wolf continue to take place and now may involve family members

Indonesia reiterates that terrorism should not be associated with any religion, faith, race, values, culture, society or group. Indonesia therefore again condemns all manifestations of terrorism, from whatever source and for whatever reasons.

On a broader context, we are also mindful that the increasing threats of terror and violent extremism also militates against national development strategies and places our future in perpetual jeopardy

Mr. Chairman/Madam Chair,

Indonesia has implemented a comprehensive counter-terrorism strategy, using a combination of hard and soft approaches. These include deradicalization in prison, and community and family engagement. We empower our women and youth as agents of peace and to build community resilience against spread of violent extremism

Recently, Indonesia adopted the revised Anti-Terrorism Law.

We believe this revision will equip us to respond to the new tactics and methods of terrorists, as well as to implement international anti-terror conventions and security council resolutions

At the national level, the revised law strengthens our prevention efforts by focusing on counter-radicalization, deradicalization, and reinforcement national preparedness against acts of terrorism

The new chapter on FTF under the law will also guide our work to improve our border security and restrict potential FTF from leaving the country. .

The revised law also dedicates a special chapter concerning protection of victims.

In support of a balanced approach, Indonesia is in the final stage of launching its National Action Plan on countering violent extremism. The main objective of the draft PoA is to address the conditions conducive to violent extremism. The draft also adapts a "*whole of government and whole of society approach*", including the principles of gender equality and youth empowerment.

The Action Plan will focus on prevention; deradicalization; law enforcement and strengthening legislative frameworks; and building partnership and strengthening international cooperation.

Another example of an important initiative organized by Indonesia, is the "High Level Consultation of World Muslim Ulema or Islamic Scholars last May. A number of leading ulema from all over the world took part in the first ever high-level consultation to support the message of tolerance.

Indonesia appreciates similar initiative done by other countries and appeal others to promoting habit of dialogue and understanding among religions, cultures and civilizations.

Mr. Chairman/Madam Chair,

Indonesia has always been uncompromising in fighting money laundering and countering terrorist financing. We worked closely with the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), and in June 2018 has been granted the observer status of FATF. Indonesia wishes to become a full member of the FATF in near future.

Indonesia welcomes the adoption by consensus of the sixth review of the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy (UNGCTS) last June. The Review yielded a more balanced and improved Strategy. This achievement signified the firm commitment of the international community to stand together to fight terrorism and violent extremism, for our prospects of success lies only in unity and common effort. At the same time, it must be pointed out that balanced implementation of the Strategy still rests with Member States.

Moving forward, our work is not done. On Comprehensive Convention on International terrorism, we note that different positions among member states, although limited to a small number of issues, remains wide.

It is our hope that informal discussions between interested delegations could help narrow the gap. The legal definition of terrorism is crucial in order to have uniform definition and responses throughout the world. We wish to emphasize that the definition shall be in compliance to the International law, particularly international humanitarian law.

The last but not least, Indonesia wishes to congratulate the Office of Counter-Terrorism (OCT) for its excellent organization of the High-Level Conference of Heads of Counter-Terrorism Agencies. The conference provided us with the opportunity to build new partnerships, as well as improve international cooperation and information sharing.

We are pleased to note that after only one year since it was established, UNOCT has made significant contributions, including in area of capacity building. We are proud to be part of this endeavor, for example in organizing workshop on human rights aspect of children of Foreign Terrorist Fighters (FTF) in August 2018. We commend the Office and look forward to other collaborations and initiatives.

I thank you.

