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Mr. Chairman,

Let me begin 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 Georgian delegation in all your important endeavors.

Georgia aligns itself with the statement made by the EU delegation and I'd like to make the following remarks in my national capacity.

It has been more than a decade since the UN General Assembly adopted the Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy to fight terrorism in all its forms and manifestations. Today, as we are preparing to engage in work of its review in 2020, all 4 pillars of the strategy are equally relevant and vital.

Today, the International community faces an increasingly diverse and unpredictable security environment, with the modern challenges derived from the global threats of terrorism and violent extremism. Addressing these threats requires well-synchronized international cooperation.

In order to meet international standards and duly implement international instruments, Georgia has undertaken several legislative and practical measures regarding the prevention and suppression of international terrorism. These measures include: signing and ratification of universal, regional and bilateral counter terrorism instruments and their implementation into national policy and legislation.

In order to address more comprehensively all the requirements of the United Nations Security Council Resolutions related to fight against terrorism an Interagency Commission on Implementation of the UN Security Council Resolutions has been operational since 2011.

The commission covers three major directions: assets freeze, travel ban and arms embargo on individuals and entities associated with terrorist acts;

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Georgia has taken steps to develop national strategy for counter terrorism and its action plan. The Strategy and its three-year Action Plan were adopted by the Government of Georgia in January 2019.

In accordance with the Strategy, in the course of fight against terrorism and extremism, preventive measures are given a priority, that set forth the actions Georgia will carry out in regard to the issues such as DE-radicalization and countering terrorist narrative, combating terrorist financing, also FTFs. Strategy emphasizes the special role of women and girls in terms of preventing terrorism and extremism.

We appreciate the follow-up assessment visit of Executive Directorate of UN Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee to Georgia on July 2018.

The visit was aimed at enhancing dialogue between Georgia and the UN, monitoring of the implementation of the relevant resolutions by the country, facilitation and information exchange on the global threats of terrorism, as well as reviewing the activities conducted by Georgia since the last visit of the Committee (in 2007) and defining the fields across which Georgia can share best practices with other countries.

We underscore that capacity-building in all states as well as coordinated international approach are vital elements of the global counter-terrorism effort. Therefore, we encourage all member states to intensify their contributions to the United Nations counter-terrorism cooperation and technical assistance projects.

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.

I, thank you!