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Thank you Mr. Chairman,

My delegation joins with other delegations to congratulate you on your election to chair the sixth committee and the bureau for their election. My delegation is certain that the work of this committee will be fruitful and successful under your excellent guidance. My delegation also fully supports the constructive discussion and exchange of views among the delegation under this agenda item.

Mr. Chairman,

Timor-Leste appreciates the report of the Secretary-General, A/74/151 on Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism. Indeed, Terrorism is a global and an extreme phenomenon that is a serious threat to international peace and security and sustainable development. Thus, it is important for the international community to continue to combat this global threat.

We are sure that the radicalization of young people is a determinant factor of violence that confronts many societies today. To this end we believe that policies to address inequality and exclusion are urgently needed. Wherever practices of social exclusion based on identity, structures or cultural beliefs and norms exist, it is imperative that governments commit to addressing the root causes of inequality that exist within the structures of society. Assuring full and equal citizenship, which provides political, social and economic rights for all members of society and addresses the universality of rights and needs is a sure way to poverty eradication.

We believe that the prevention of violent extremism needs to look beyond strict security concerns to causes related to development and solutions to this phenomenon. Experiences in development and peace building show that an increase in the levels of inclusion and tolerance in communities can lead to both better governance of diversity, and to better protect societies against violent extremism. Tolerance for diversity and intercultural understanding which is at the heart of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda, and particularly SDG 16, on building peaceful, just and inclusive societies are important elements in addressing radicalization of youth and violent extremism.

Timor-Leste has "Zero Tolerance" to any type of terrorism. Therefore, we are making efforts to combat terrorism at the national and contribute also to addressing terrorism at the regional and international levels. In terms of our legal framework, Timor-Leste's Penal Code regulates and prohibits any act of terrorism, money laundry and extremist actions. To this end, Timor-Leste has also adopted the United Nations Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism.

Mr. Chairman,

Timor-Leste is an active member of the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF). The ARF member states adopted the Manila Declaration to Counter the Rise of Radicalization and Violent Extremism and updated the ASEAN Comprehensive Plan of Action on Counter Terrorism at the 11th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Transnational Crime. The Declaration encourages members of ASEAN Regional Forum to combat radicalization and violent extremism more vigorously, emphasizing on de-radicalization, rehabilitation and re-integration programs and information sharing. The Action Plan ensures that ASEAN's cooperation stays relevant with the new and emerging trends of terrorism and violent extremism. Timor-Leste fully supports and is strongly aligned with Action Plan to Combat Terrorism.

Timor-Leste has also supported the initiative taken by Kazakhstan to develop a "Code of Conduct for the Achievement of a Terrorism-Free World". The Conde of Conduct is very relevant to and in complements the implementation of the Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy at all levels, including at the national and regional. By adopting the Code of Conduct, we wish to strengthen multilateral cooperation. We also believe that the Code of Conduct can be a basis for the United Nations to provide enhanced support to Member States in implementing the Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, and to lead to more effective action in deploying holistic counter-terrorism measures and systematic steps, to prevent terrorism and terrorist activities. We further believe that this will enhance global security and help us moving forward toward a world without terrorism.

Mr. Chairman,

In conclusion, Timor-Leste reaffirms its commitment to support any measure taken by the international community, within the United Nations, to strengthen international cooperation and coordination among member States to eliminate international terrorism.

I thank you Mr. Chairman.