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Terrorism and related criminal activities continue to pose a serious threat to international peace and security, to the enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms and to the political independence, sovereignty, territorial integrity and the social and economic development of all Member States.

With an increase of terrorist acts motivated by intolerance, extremism and racist ideology, comprehensive and integrative approaches to combating this scourge through concerted and coordinated international actions are vital.

It is of particular concern that areas of armed conflict, especially territories under foreign military occupation, create vast opportunities for terrorist activities.

Since the end of the 1980s, as a means of realizing its groundless and unlawful territorial claims and as a method of warfare, Armenia and various Armenian terrorist organizations have perpetrated numerous terrorist attacks against Azerbaijan, claiming the lives of thousands of its citizens.

The occupied territories of Azerbaijan are graphic example of heavy militarization and interpenetration of the occupying forces and the criminal puppet regime set up by Armenia in those territories with international terrorism and organized crime.

We resolutely reject the attempts of Armenia to blame Azerbaijan and Turkey for alleged terrorist-related activities. The purpose of Armenia's fabrications is to conceal own crimes, justify heavy losses inflicted on its armed forces on the battlefield and mislead the international community.

Armenia has a longstanding track record of supporting terrorism at the State level and continues this policy today. The evidence collected before and throughout the ongoing hostilities, erupted as a result of Armenia's large-scale attacks on 27 September 2020, clearly testifies to its active engagement in recruiting foreign terrorist fighters and mercenaries to use in combats against Azerbaijan and its civilian population.

In the same vein, Armenian diaspora organizations operating under the disguise of charity and non-governmental organizations raise funds and collect other material means to finance terrorist activities and support the aggression. Thousands of terrorists and mercenaries from various countries in Europe and the Middle East have already arrived in the conflict zone or in the process of deployment to join the ranks of Armenian armed formations.

These actions, which clearly run counter to international law and the relevant Security Council resolutions, entail the State responsibility of Armenia and individual criminal liability of those involved.

In that regard, it is critical that the Member States undertake urgent measures to prevent their territories from being used for supporting or financing terrorism and related activities, suppress the mobilization of fighters and prosecute their travel or attempted travel abroad for terrorist purposes.

In addition to efforts by States at the national level to assert criminal jurisdiction over crimes perpetrated by their nationals overseas, international cooperation in criminal matters, with mutual legal assistance as its component, is the key to combating international terrorism and related offences. It is also important that corporate liability and criminal responsibility function in tandem to ensure prosecution for violations of international law.

We strongly support enhanced individual and collective counter-terrorism measures, including in particular those aimed at degrading and ultimately defeating terrorist organizations, their affiliates and networks. It is essential that these efforts continue and expand.

Thank you.