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**The Delegation of Indonesia
at the Sixth Committee of the General Assembly
on
Agenda item 114:
“Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism”
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Mr. Chair,

At the outset allow me to congratulate you and the members of the bureau on your election. Let me assure you of my delegation's full support and cooperation in your efforts to ensure the success of the work of the Committee.

I also would like to associate myself with the statements delivered earlier, by Iran on behalf of the Non-Alignment Movement, by Saudi Arabia on behalf of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), and by Cambodia on behalf of the Association of the South East Asia Nations (ASEAN).

Mr. Chair,

In the midst of the unprecedented circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic, terrorism remains a significant threat to society and many facets of our lives.

As a matter of fact, **the pandemic has instigated vulnerabilities to new and emerging forms of terrorism, such as misuse of digital technology, cyber-attacks and bioterrorism.**

More specifically, **COVID-19 has had profound impacts on victims of terrorism too. Cooperation to support victims and survivors of terrorism has therefore become more crucial than ever.**

In this regard, Indonesia has promulgated Government Regulation No. 35/2020 on the Provision of Compensation, Restitution, and Assistance to Witness and Victims, and fully committed to providing victims of terrorism with a voice and a role in countering terrorism.

Mr. Chair,

As terrorism remains a major menace for nations around the world, **we must redouble our efforts to find a solution.**

In this regard, Indonesia has further established relevant policies to strengthen our efforts, among others:

1. Promulgation of Governmental Regulation (GR) No. 77/2019 on Terrorism Prevention, and GR on the Provision of Compensation, Restitution, and Assistance to Witness and Victims;
2. Closer engagement with religious leaders, CSOs, youth, victims of terrorism, and scholars;
3. Strengthening international cooperation in bilateral, regional and multilateral forums.

With respect to the collective/multilateral approach, **Indonesia initiated a draft resolution on the prosecution, rehabilitation, and reintegration (PRR) of terrorists at the Security Council last August.**

The PRR itself is an integral part of a comprehensive approach to addressing the threat posed by terrorists. **This approach is instrumental in the overall counter-terrorism effort.**

The PRR draft resolution enjoyed overwhelming support from the Council members, although the body failed to adopt it due to a non-concurrence vote by a Permanent Member.

Mr. Chair,

The effort to eliminate international terrorism must take into account the rights of children. **In the regional level, Indonesia acted as the proponent of ARF Statement on the Treatment of Children Recruited by or Associated with Terrorist Groups.**

The Statement acknowledges the possibility of non-judicial measures in the PRR strategy, in the context of children, to ensure that the most appropriate approach is taken.

Mr. Chair,

Last but not the least, **Indonesia prioritizes the role of the youth and puts them at the centre of the PVE strategy.** The Indonesian Government has initiated the program for youth across Indonesia to become ambassadors for peace, not only in the country but throughout the Southeast Asia region.

Indonesia stands ready to cooperate and share best practices in this collective endeavor.

I thank you.
