

**Statement
6th Committee**

**Agenda Item 112: Measures to eliminate international terrorism
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Mr.Chair,

I would like to express our appreciation for the consistent and comprehensive work of the 6th Committee and congratulate you and other members of bureau on your election.

You will have Albania's full support for a successful work of this session.

I also thank Secretary General for his report on this important agenda item.

Albania aligns itself with the European Union statement on this topic and we strongly believe that international law norms and standards, should prevail in cases where UN Charter, human rights law and international humanitarian law provisions are violated.

Mr. Chair,

I would like to share some remarks from our national perspective:

The threat from terrorism and violent extremism remains real and we have obligations under international law to take measures to prevent and fight against it. Strengthening the cooperation at the regional and international level, building partnerships with like-minded countries, and coordinating collective efforts in the fight against terrorism is a responsibility that all the UN members should take.

In this context, we commend the ongoing work of The United Nations Office of Counterterrorism in preparing the 8th review of The United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy and the discussions on the Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism.

Albania has a close cooperation with the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre (UNCCT) of the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT). This year we have concluded a National Advocacy Event on Promoting Universalization and Effective Implementation of the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism (ICSANT).

Albania is one of the first countries to join the Global Coalition against Da'esh/ISIL and has shown its concrete dedication to cooperate at the political and operational level on fight against terrorism.

Repatriation of Foreign Terrorist Fighters, especially women and children through specific assistance programs is one of the measures we have taken, in full compliance with international laws. We are concerned and we condemn the use of children for terrorist purposes. Following our

national plan, we have ensured protection, rehabilitation, accommodation for children, women and their families, victims of extremist ideology.

Albania through the years has strengthened the counterterrorism laws and criminalized acts of terrorism, terrorist financing and recruiting. Accountability and rule of law are two important legal mechanisms, enshrined in our judicial and legislative systems, to provide justice to the victims of terrorism and put an end to the impunity of perpetrators.

Albania has signed and ratified all United Nations Anti-Terrorist Conventions and Protocols and UN Security Council resolutions on the fight against terrorism have been properly implemented in Albania.

We promote human rights approach, women peace and security agenda, and religious harmony as effective tools to counter extremist propaganda. We are aware that terrorism is not related to any religion and the culture of inter-religious co-existence is a powerful tool to prevent the spreading of the extremist ideas.

We are committed to counter extremist propaganda by empowering civil society and work closely with it.

We have developed de-radicalization plans for harmful and terrorist content in virtual space, to prevent and counter the online extremism propaganda.

Albania has worked to improve its border security and boost the national and regional coordination in detecting networks of terrorists.

Let me conclude by reaffirming my country's constructive approach and readiness to work together with regional and international actors, UN mechanisms in countering terrorism in all its forms and manifestations.

I Thank you!