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Thank you Chair.

As this is the United Kingdom's first statement in the Sixth Committee this year, let me take the opportunity to congratulate you, and the Bureau, on your appointments. We look forward to working with you all.

The United Kingdom stands resolute in its fight against terrorism and violent extremism, fully recognising the pivotal role of international cooperation and partnerships in confronting these challenges. Our partnerships are based on respect, reciprocity, the UN charter and international law.

The threat from terrorism is enduring and evolving. The threat we see today, and in the coming years, is more diverse, dynamic and complex. Our continued focus is on degrading and defeating Daesh and its affiliates, Al Qa'ida Senior Leadership, and their affiliates, as well as growing threats such as extreme right wing terrorism.

We thank co-facilitators, Canada and Tunisia as well as member states for the successful adoption of the eighth review of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy. These frameworks are indispensable, providing the structure and coordination needed to tackle global challenges effectively.

The United Kingdom has recently refreshed its Counter-Terrorism Strategy, CONTEST. The update ensures that our counter-terrorism response remains agile in the face of an evolving threat, integrated so that we can bring the right interventions to bear at the right time to reduce risk and aligned with our international allies to ensure that we continue to deliver together against a common threat.

Recent developments have cast a spotlight on the convergence of terrorism, state actors, and organised crime. Terrorist groups exploit weak states as sanctuaries, while some states seek to utilise such groups to advance their own interests. Simultaneously, terrorists engage in organised crime for funding and networks. Member states must unite to combat this multifaceted threat.

Counter-terrorism efforts must always be conducted within the framework of respect for human rights. In doing so, we strengthen our credibility and legitimacy and deny extremists a propaganda tool to recruit and radicalise. The UK continues to regularly raise our concerns through the UN system, including the UN Human Rights Council.

In closing, let us remember that in unity lies our strength. The future of a safer world depends on our collective determination to confront and conquer these threats.

Thank you.