

**STATEMENT BY TÜRKİYE**  
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**“Measures to eliminate international terrorism”**

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Thank you, Mr. Chair.

At the outset, let me thank all distinguished delegates for their kind messages of sympathies due to yesterday's terrorist attack in Türkiye.

Mr Chair,

Türkiye aligns itself with the statement delivered by the Permanent Representative / (esteemed delegate) of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on behalf of the OIC Group.

I also would like to make the following remarks in my national capacity.

Türkiye has been subjected to all forms of terrorism over decades and lost tens of thousands of its civilian population to this scourge.

This is why we know firsthand the implications of terrorism on societies.

Terrorism is a grave violation of human rights. It negatively impacts the fulfilment of fundamental rights and freedoms.

All acts of terrorism are unjustified regardless of their motivation, wherever, whenever and by whomever committed.

Terrorism cannot and should not be associated with any religion, civilization, nationality or ethnic group.

We strongly condemn terrorism in all its forms and manifestations.

Mr. Chair,

It is with deep concern that we observe the global expansion of terrorist groups' networks, the growth of their capabilities, and their adaptation to new technologies.

Violent far-right terrorism driven by Islamophobia, white supremacy, hate speech, racism and xenophobia are also on the rise.

On this note, I have to underscore that the increasing trend of hatred, intolerance, discrimination and acts of violence targeting Muslims and their sanctities has reached an alarming level in many parts of the world, especially in Europe. This cannot be accepted, nor can it be allowed to continue.

We call upon all relevant stakeholders, including governments to increase efforts to address discrimination, xenophobia, racism and hate speech in accordance with international human rights and the recently adopted General Assembly Resolution 77/318 on Promoting Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue and Tolerance in Countering Hate Speech on the 25th of July, 2023.

Mr Chair,

Regional and sectarian tensions, intolerance and weak state structures offer breeding ground for terrorist narratives and radicalism.

In this respect, Türkiye continues to be an ardent promoter of international cooperation in the fight against terrorism.

We have been at the forefront of countering terrorist organizations with a broad spectrum of ideologies, be it DAESH, Al-Qaida, PKK/PYD/YPG or Fethullah Gülen Terrorist Organisation for years.

These groups and others have been operating across national borders, running training camps, acquiring financial resources, operating media outlets to disseminate their propaganda and glorify their vicious acts abroad.

Regretfully, some perpetrators of terrorist attacks, their accomplices and financiers have managed to escape justice and travel freely.

We reiterate that success in global fight against terrorism depends on our collective effort to deny any safe haven to terrorists.

The international community must not permit terrorist groups abuse rights and freedoms and exploit the asylum system.

Furthermore, there can be no discrimination between terrorist organizations. The ill-conceived notion of using a terrorist organization in combatting another is a grave mistake. It is counterproductive and will eventually have a boomerang effect.

Mr. Chair,

Countering financing of terrorism and anti-money laundering efforts should also be at the center of the international community's approach to effectively address the problem in all its aspects. With this understanding, as a member of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), Turkish authorities are taking necessary steps with regards to the Action Plan presented by FATF.

We also take immediate action in implementing the sanction decisions of the Security Council.

And, we underscore that the nexus between organized crime and terrorism cannot and should not be disregarded.

Mr. Chair,

Before concluding, I would like to underline that it is crucial to uphold human rights and the rule of law while countering terrorism.

Equally important is to support and protect the rights of the victims of terrorism.

Türkiye will continue to collaborate with the international community to counter terrorism and will remain constructively engaged with the work of the Sixth Committee on this item.

Thank you.