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**Statement on Item 110 – Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism  
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Thank you Mr. Chair,

Let me start by extending my congratulations to you and the Bureau members on your election. The magnitude of your task is clear, and my delegation stands ready to support you in addressing the pressing matters before this Committee. Georgia aligned itself with a statement delivered by the European Union and I would like to make the following remarks in my national capacity.

Distinguished Delegates,

Today, in different parts of the world we face growing threats of terrorism manifested in increasingly complex forms that transcend national borders. The nature of terrorist threats has changed, exploiting technological advancements and the vulnerabilities exposed by geopolitical crisis.

Excellences,

Herewith, let me briefly share Georgia's efforts towards countering the global threats posed by terrorism. Georgia has taken comprehensive steps to strengthen its counter-terrorism framework. The National Counterterrorism Strategy 2022-2026 has been critical in this regard, underscoring Georgia's proactive stance in combating terrorism through prevention, protection, preparedness, prosecution, and collaboration at all levels. Last year, Georgia also approved the Integrated

Border Management Strategy (2023-2027) and joined the UN Countering Terrorist Travel program, 'goTravel,' further enhancing border control and surveillance capabilities. Moreover, Georgia became the first non-NATO country to achieve operational partner status in NATO's Operation Sea Guardian.

Our legislative landscape has been significantly enhanced to address new and emerging threats. In 2023, Georgia adopted amendments to the laws on Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT), thus improving country's ability to detect and deter the financing mechanisms that sustain terrorism. These reforms are in line with international standards, including those of the Council of Europe's MONEYVAL and the Financial Action Task Force.

While legislative and security measures are critical, we understand that combating terrorism requires a broader approach. Prevention is the cornerstone of sustainable counter-terrorism efforts. This includes tackling the root causes of extremism — poverty, inequality, and social exclusion — which terrorist groups exploit. In this context, Georgia has placed particular emphasis on youth engagement and community resilience programs aimed at preventing radicalization. Through civic integration policies and targeted awareness campaigns, we are working to ensure that all sectors of society, especially vulnerable groups, are equipped to resist extremist ideologies.

At the same time, Georgia is committed to further strengthen cooperation with international partners. Our involvement in the Global Coalition against Daesh, as well as our close collaboration with Europol and Eurojust, have significantly improved national capabilities in various directions. With the purpose of enhancing secure information exchange capabilities, Georgia has negotiated agreements on exchange and mutual protection of classified information with 24 partner countries, as well as with the NATO and the EU.

Mr. Chair,

In an era where terrorist networks exploit cyberspace for recruitment, propaganda, and coordination, Georgia is also prioritizing cybersecurity as part of its counter-terrorism strategy. Strengthening our digital infrastructure and enhancing the capacity of law enforcement to address cyber threats are key components of these efforts. We have introduced measures to counteract the use of the internet and social media platforms for terrorist activities, working closely with the private sector to ensure that digital spaces are not abused by malign actors.

Excellences,

Herewith, let me draw your attention to the Russia-occupied Abkhazia and Tskhinvali regions of Georgia. Due to the illegal occupation, these regions remain beyond the Georgian government's effective control, and remain inaccessible for international monitoring mechanisms. Subsequently, these dire circumstances, including grave security, human rights and humanitarian situation therein create a fertile ground for all sorts of illicit activities and pose serious threat to regional and international peace and security.

Speaking about the security in our region, let me stress the devastating implications of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, which continues to cause immense human suffering, forced displacement, and severe damages to critical infrastructure. Georgia reiterates its strong condemnation of Russia's ongoing aggression against Ukraine and its indiscriminate attacks.

In conclusion, let me reiterate Georgia's steadfast commitment to the continued efforts of the international community and the UN for preventing and countering terrorism and violent extremism. Through strengthening our domestic capabilities, strengthening cooperation, and upholding counterterrorism commitments under the international law and, we will continue to contribute to a safer and more secure world.

I thank you!