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Chair,

The United Kingdom stands resolute in the fight against terrorism and violent extremism.

Since we last convened, we have seen further wide-ranging terrorist attacks across the globe. The events of 7 October are still shocking almost one year later, and all serve a stark reminder of the enduring threat from terrorism.

The UK remains deeply concerned about the upwards trajectory of the threat from Daesh and its affiliates. The threat from ISKP is increasing, and in the past year we have seen abhorrent attacks in Russia and Iran by the group. The international community must take a collective and creative approach to understand how they operate, starve their resources, and tackle their propaganda.

International cooperation and partnerships rooted in the UN charter and international law play a pivotal role in confronting these challenges.

Our approach to CT is integrated and holistic, considering the wide range of factors that drive violent extremism, including

conflict, socio-economic grievances and tensions stoked by climate change.

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 terrorists a propaganda tool to recruit and radicalise.

Delivering meaningful change also requires ownership and local buy-in. We welcome the development of African-led initiatives to address emerging hotspots in the Sahel and sub-Saharan Africa. With global resources under pressure for competing international priorities, delivering impact through the multilateral system remains core to our shared approach.

In closing, let us remember that collective action and collaboration is vital in delivering a safer world and we remain determined in our efforts to counter these threats.

Thank you, Chair.