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Mr. Chair

I would like to begin by congratulating you and members of the Bureau on your appointments. We assure you of our full support and cooperation through out the session.

The global threat posed by terrorism and violent extremism continues to evolve, affecting regions across the world. Despite our collective efforts, we recognize that the fight against terrorism remains dynamic and multifaceted, with new challenges arising from technological advancements and the misuse of information platforms for extremist purposes.

In this regard, we underscore the importance of international cooperation in the fight against terrorism. Collaboration between states, international organizations, and civil society is crucial to addressing both the immediate and root causes of terrorism. Effective measures should include not only military and law enforcement responses but also developmental, social, and educational initiatives that address the conditions conducive to terrorism.

We also reaffirm the importance of finalizing a comprehensive convention on international terrorism. Such an instrument would fill the existing gaps in international law, ensuring a unified legal framework for combating terrorism. In this context, it is critical to clearly distinguish between acts of terrorism and legitimate resistance against foreign occupation. A universally accepted definition of terrorism would strengthen international cooperation.

Human rights and the rule of law must remain central to all counterterrorism efforts. Counterterrorism strategies that respect human rights are more effective, sustainable, and legitimate. In this context, the adoption of Security Council Resolution 2664, with its humanitarian carve-out, is a significant step in ensuring that counterterrorism efforts do not obstruct the delivery of humanitarian assistance.

Furthermore, the support for victims of terrorism should be a priority. Their experiences remind us of the devastating impact terrorism has on societies, and their voices are crucial in our work to prevent further acts of terror.

Mr. Chair,

Allow me to provide information on our national efforts. Mongolia joined the Counter-Terrorism Travel Program developed by the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT) in 2021 and furthermore, we established the **Passenger Information Unit of Mongolia** in 2023 respectively. Mongolia became the fourth country to join the program and the first in Asia to establish such a unit. We would share our success and experience of these actions as requested few Member States.

The country has also taken steps to increase public awareness on abusive use of new technologies by terrorists in the context of the Counter-Terrorism Technology (CT Tech) Program.

To combat the “digital information disorder,” which refers to the spread of misinformation, disinformation, and malign information in the digital realm, Mongolia hosted a regional expert-level conference in April 2024, organized by the OSCE Transnational Threats Department together with the National Counter-Terrorism Council of Mongolia (NCTC). The conference, titled “Addressing the Prevailing Digital Information Disorder: Countering the Use of the Internet by Terrorists and Violent Extremists,” aimed to address the challenges posed by digital platforms being exploited for extremist purposes.

In conclusion, Mongolia reaffirms its steadfast commitment to the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy and other international frameworks designed to combat terrorism in all its forms.

I thank you.