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Mr Chairman,

On behalf of my delegation, I wish to congratulate you and other members of the Bureau on your election and wish to assure you of our full support and cooperation.

Montenegro fully aligns itself with the statement of the EU.

Mr Chairman,

Terrorism, in all its forms, as one of the major threats to the global security in the 21st century is showing an increasing trend, which is manifested by the increased number of terrorist acts, threats to human life, destruction of material goods, etc. Being a global challenge, it truly requires integrated and well-coordinated global response, with particular obligation for each state to continuously analyze and monitor all aspects of potential terrorist threats and act appropriately on their prevention. It is our firm belief that success in fighting terrorism is only achievable through the joint engagement of all UN members, agencies, and other relevant international organizations.

If our activities are to be visible and effective, we need to join our efforts and develop cooperative and comprehensive approach to addressing the complex threat of terrorism. In this regard strengthening cooperation on the national, regional and international levels, as a most effective and irreplaceable tool, has to be a priority. Montenegro actively participates in the prevention and suppression of terrorism at the global and regional level, especially within the UN, EU, NATO, OSCE, Council of Europe, Interpol, Europol and other relevant organizations and initiatives and contribute to the strengthening and development of anti-terrorist cooperation.

Mr. Chairman,

Allow me recall that Montenegro is a party to major international counter-terrorism conventions. We are dedicated to promoting cooperation in accordance with the relevant UN resolutions, international conventions and other instruments. In order to fight the current and future challenges and threats, Montenegro is implementing a national strategy for the prevention and suppression of terrorism, money laundering and the financing of terrorism. My country is also committed to improving the cooperation and information exchange with regional and international partners in the fight against terrorism, money laundering and terrorist financing. Furthermore, we are adopting and implementing international standards and defining the principles and procedures to improve cooperation between the institutions.

Establishing a modern and comprehensive legislative framework in line with relevant international standards is a key prerequisite for effective prevention and combating of terrorism, with emphasis on cooperation with other countries and international organizations. We are actively working on the implementation of new training programs for judges and state prosecutors on the introduction of international conventions and laws, training of judicial officials in the implementation of the legislation, training in recognizing and preventing radicalization and extremism that can potentially grow in terrorism capacity building intervention units, participation in joint training with the forces of other institutions in Montenegro, NATO and other foreign armed forces.

Mr. Chairman,

Montenegro has never faced a terrorist act. But given that global terrorism and organized crime pose a serious threat to international peace and security, these appearances are considered serious security risks and threats to every country. Therefore, Montenegro strives to the utmost to contribute to the regional and international security. In this sense, Montenegro pays a greatest attention to the preventive mechanisms in the fight against terrorism: strengthening of regional and international cooperation, prevention of radicalization, monitoring the movement of people and goods across land and sea borders, exchange of information etc.

Fully cognizant of the fact that national actions, no matter how effective, can never be sufficient, Montenegro attaches great importance on working and actively collaborating, through joint trainings, working bodies and projects, with other countries from our subregion and wider region, as well as with relevant subregional, regional and international organizations and initiatives towards eradicating terrorism.

In order to achieve common goal, that is elimination of terrorism in all its forms, we need to implement the recommendations of UN Global Counter-Terrorist Strategy and provide stronger incentives to the work of a UN Counter-Terrorist Center, which has become one of the key elements in the international fight against this phenomenon. We hope that the process of finalizing the draft on comprehensive Convention on terrorist will be finished soon and it will be followed by the General Assembly High Level Conference, where we will define a unique response to the international terrorism.

In that sense, I would like to welcome the activities of the United Nations in establishing efficient mechanisms for fighting terrorism. Montenegro fully supports efforts towards the full implementation of the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy as a foundation for effective and comprehensive response to counter terrorism at all levels. Along the same line, we recognize the important role of the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force which serves as a platform for promoting and coordinating international cooperation and counter-terrorism efforts. Allow me also to mention the important role of the Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee, with whom Montenegro has active cooperation.

Mr. Chairman

Montenegro will continue to pay special attention to international cooperation in the adoption of international legal instruments, the application of conventions and protocols, exchange of information, experience and good practice in the implementation of counter-terrorist measures to strengthen cooperation in international legal assistance and extradition issues, exploring possible new terrorist threats and developing appropriate mechanisms and countermeasure against and strengthen professional and technical, scientific and educational dimensions.

I thank you Mr Chairman.