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Mr. Chairman,

At the outset, I would like to congratulate you on your election as the chairman of the Committee, and assure you that we will extend our full support to you during this session. I also congratulate the other members of the Bureau.

Terrorism poses a threat to peace, democracy, human rights and freedom. Japan joins other delegations in condemning terrorism in all its forms and manifestations and reiterates our commitment to combating terrorism.

Despite our tireless efforts, the global proliferation of threats of terrorism has become evident, as shown in brutal terrorist groups such as ISIL. The rise of them has also caused extensive violations and abuses of human rights. In particular, ISIL poses serious threats to the international order. Japan firmly condemns any act of violence carried out by the ISIL and other terrorist groups .

Mr. Chairman,

In order to tackle terrorism, international society must cooperate and work on comprehensive counter-terrorism measures, including counter-terrorist financing and effective border control. With that in mind, Japan has been implementing a wide variety of capacity-building programs in North Africa, Sahel, and the Middle East. We strongly believe that these programs can strengthen effective governance in these regions to prevent violent extremism

from putting down deep roots in the regions. Peace and stability of the South-East Asia region is also vital for Japan. Japan makes efforts to enhance counter-terrorism dialogue with ASEAN.

Mr. Chairman,

The UN has a pivotal role in coordinating efforts by Member States for combating and preventing terrorism. The fact that more than 100 Member States including Japan co-sponsored for the Security Council Resolution 2178, which was adopted during High-Level week and focused on the recent threat of foreign terrorist fighters, clearly showed the willingness of the UN to be the key organ in the fight against terrorism. Moreover, Japan welcomes the fourth review of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, adopted this June. We also attach importance to a comprehensive convention on international terrorism. We expect an early conclusion of the negotiation process for the draft convention, with a view to complementing the existing counter-terrorism conventions.

Mr. Chairman,

Japan reiterates its determination to contribute to the eradication of terrorism and expresses its expectation for the UN's leadership in this field.

I thank you.