

## **Statement**

**by a representative of the Russian Federation on behalf of the Member States of the  
Shanghai Cooperation Organization under agenda item 107  
"Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism"**

Mr. Chairman,

First of all let me join the previous speakers in congratulating you on your election as the Chairman of this Committee. I would also like to assure you that my delegation will fully cooperate with you in constructive manner in the interest of smooth and effective work of the Sixth Committee under your able leadership.

Mr. Chairman,

Today I have the honor to speak on behalf of the Member States of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) – the People's Republic of China, the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, the Republic of Tajikistan, the Republic of Uzbekistan and my own country – the Russian Federation, in its capacity as a Chair of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization.

The SCO reiterates its fundamental position of condemning terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, regardless of its motivation, wherever, whenever and by whomsoever committed.

The SCO Member States firmly believe that, in today's context when terrorists operate on a global scale, the dangers of terrorism can be counteracted effectively by strengthening international cooperation through a worldwide multilateral effort.

Mr. Chairman,

The SCO Member States consistently advocate strengthening the central role of the United Nations as a unique structure capable of consolidating multilateral efforts in the fight against terrorism.

The SCO Member States are supportive of a full-scale implementation of the Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, the relevant resolutions of the Security Council and the General Assembly, as well as international anti-terrorism conventions. We believe that a comprehensive implementation of their provisions is the most crucial task in improving the international system of counter-terrorism.

The SCO Member States are determined to continue and strengthen their effective interaction with Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force, the United Nations Security Council and its counter-terrorism committees.

Mr. Chairman,

The SCO Member States express grave concern over the expansion of terrorist ideology. It is vital that the idea of condemning terrorism becomes an intrinsic part of the dialogue between religions and civilizations. We actively support the widespread prevention of terrorism, including countering the ideology that nourishes it. We underscore the importance of developing anti-terrorism partnerships between states, civil society, mass media and the private sector.

Mr. Chairman,

During the 14th Summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, held in Dushanbe on 11-12 September 2014 the leaders of the SCO underlined that terrorism and other new challenges and threats are still among the factors that have negative influence on the stability and security of the SCO region. They reaffirmed their determination to strengthen the coordination of joint efforts and actions in the fight against terrorism, extremism, drug traffic and organized crime, and to promote stability and security in the region. To achieve these goals the SCO Member-States continue to actively implement the Program of Fighting Terrorism, Separatism and Extremism for 2013-2015. The Observer States and the Dialogue Partners of the SCO are also involved in this process.

The SCO will continuously strive to improve the operation of its specialized entity, the Regional Anti-Terrorism Structure of the SCO (RATS), which coordinates the work between the competent authorities of Member States of the Organization and maintains the necessary exchange and support for information and analyses. Currently RATS is undergoing a reform in order to better address a broader range of emerging challenges and threats related to terrorism.

We intend to further enhance the practical strategies and measures in the activities of the Structure. We therefore propose an increased interaction of RATS with the corresponding UN agencies.

The SCO Member States believe that strengthening regional security is a priority in Central Asia, where terrorist and narcotic threats emanating from Afghanistan are the major destabilizing factors. It is in this region that a dangerous nexus between terrorism and organized crime, especially drug-related crime, is formed and exists. The regional risks are becoming even more acute with the withdrawal of the ISAF from Afghanistan by the end of this year. We call for the implementation of relevant decisions of the General Assembly, the Security Council and the creation of a wide network of partnership of interested states as well as international and regional organizations in the fight against terrorism and drug trafficking.

Mr. Chairman,

We believe that many of the SCO agreements, including Convention against Terrorism, make an important contribution to the development of this legal framework. We call upon the earliest agreement on the draft comprehensive convention on international terrorism.

Thank you.