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**Statement of H.E. Mr. Ali Abdussalam Treki,
President of the 64th Session of the General Assembly,
at the Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly on “The United
Nations Global Counter Terrorism Strategy”: Report of the Secretary
General**

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Terrorism continues to threaten global peace and security. In spite of continuing efforts by the United Nations, Member States, international, regional and sub-regional organizations as well as the civil society, the menace of terrorism continues to spread with its serious destabilizing and disruptive consequences felt around the world. The impact on our societies, the trauma in our daily lives and the setback to social and economic development caused by acts of terrorism is huge and cannot be quantified.

The situation is an affront to the entire international community. It is a serious challenge, a complex one, that requires a more holistic, better coordinated and effective response from the international community. Such a response must be based on an objective analysis of the whole situation concerning terrorism and also take into account its underlying causes. It is also important to reiterate, and there is a strong consensus on this, that any attempt to associate terrorism with any religion, culture or society is totally unacceptable. Any kind of discrimination against or selective treatment of individuals on the basis of their religion, race or nationality in the context of the fight against terrorism should also be unacceptable as it contravenes obligations of States under international law. I would like to stress the importance of a cooperative approach and strategy to tackle terrorism comprehensively and effectively.

The foregoing underscores the importance of the work that you have undertaken over the last weeks to review the implementation of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy. The draft resolution A/64/L.69 before you, among other things contains provisions for enhanced participation and engagement of Member States in the implementation of the Strategy and better interaction between Member States and the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force (CTITF). The draft also calls for integrated implementation of the four pillars of the Strategy, wider dissemination and awareness of the Strategy and encourages engagement of the civil society in the efforts to implement the Strategy.

Most importantly it reiterates the Assembly's strong and unequivocal condemnation of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, committed by whomever, wherever and whatever purposes. It also recognizes that international cooperation and any measures undertaken by Member States to prevent and combat terrorism must fully comply with their obligations under international law, including the Charter of the United Nations, in particular its purposes and principles, and relevant international

conventions and protocols, in particular human rights law, refugee law and international humanitarian law, the right to self determination, the end to occupation and aggression to which people are subjected to.

I call on all Member States to match their repeated condemnation of terrorism by concerted and coordinated action to implement the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy. International, regional and sub-regional organizations and the civil society have an important contribution to make in this collective endeavour.

I would like to thank His Excellency Mr. Abdulkalam Abdul Momen, Permanent Representative of Bangladesh, for facilitating the consultations which have successfully culminated in a consensus text. I would like to recall that the Strategy (Resolution 60/288) and the first review of its implementation (Resolution 62/272) were both adopted by consensus. The adoption by consensus of draft resolution A/64/L.69 will be a further demonstration of the commitment and political will of the Member States to collectively address the problem of terrorism.

I thank you.