



Permanent Mission of Canada
to the United Nations



Permanent Mission of Tunisia
to the United Nations

June 21, 2023

Excellency,

On October 18, 2022, you informed all delegations of our appointment to co-facilitate, on your behalf, the Eighth Review of the Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy (GCTS). Since then, we have held three formal rounds of negotiations, dozens of bilateral and small group meetings, and convened and participated in town halls with civil society and UN entities to better understand the current landscape.

After each formal round of negotiations, we have circulated an updated revision of the text, culminating in a third revision, which, we shared with you together with our letter of June 13, 2023, after which we informed you that six delegations broke silence. Following further consultations with the delegations that broke silence, the active negotiating groups, and the delegations whose draft paragraphs were in question, we prepared a fourth revision, which we shared with you together with our letter June 19, 2023.

We regret to inform you that two delegations broke silence on the fourth revision. However, after close analysis of their letters breaking silence, we believe further compromises were not possible. Additionally, based on correspondence received from multiple delegations following the breaking of silence on both the third revision and fourth revision, we assess that any additional negotiations will only result in the re-introduction of numerous matters already discussed and debated.

In consultation with interested member states, we are confident that the fourth revision of the review constitutes a fair, balanced, important update to the GCTS, and has the broadest possible support. We kindly request that you submit the resolution as an L.doc to be adopted in the General Assembly, alongside the General Debate on this matter from June 22-23.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.

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