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**on**

**The United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism  
Strategy**

**Before**

**The General Assembly of the United Nations**

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**Mr. President,**

At the outset, I would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to the President of the General Assembly for the importance he has attached to the review of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy. I would also like to extend our appreciation and thanks to the co-facilitators, the Permanent Representatives of Israel and Argentina, for their efforts in coordinating the process and helping to reach consensus on the draft resolution on the fifth review of the Strategy (A/70/L.55)

**Mr. President,**

My delegation would like to reiterate once more its strong condemnation of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, including those acts and activities that support, encourage, justify or promote it directly or indirectly. Terrorism has no religion, no homeland, no borders and no justification and should, in no way, be associated with any particular culture, religion, civilization or human community.

Algeria supports the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy as well as the outstanding efforts of the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force through its work as a focal point for the bodies and entities involved in implementing the Strategy.

In that regard, I would like to stress the necessity to preserve the biennial review process of the Strategy, aiming to its enrichment and adaptation to changing developments and requirements for combating terrorism, including the evolving challenges that this transnational scourge presents. It is also required to ensure the effectiveness of the implementation of its four pillars in a comprehensive manner. We note that the Resolution we have adopted reflects this need.

My delegation would like to underline the importance of consolidating efforts within the Strategy by enhancing cooperation at the bilateral, regional and international levels, strengthening capabilities and exchanging best practices and expertise on combating terrorism.

In that regard, it is important to highlight the role of the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre in consolidating the Strategy's pillars and encouraging Member States to provide it with adequate financial and human resources.

**Mr. President,**

We welcome the reaffirmation by the General Assembly of "its respect for the sovereignty, territorial integrity, independence and unity of all States in accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations" within the framework of the Global counter terrorism strategy. Algeria has in every occasion called for this commitment to be observed. In addition, it is our view that any selective approach

towards the principles and objectives enshrined in our Organization's Charter is simply not acceptable. Such a selective approach might have a counter effect. To be more explicit, the international community can not flee its responsibilities with regard to realization of the right to self determination of all peoples that are still under foreign occupation and alien domination.

We welcome, in this regard, the reaffirmation through this year's *resolution of Member States' determination to continue to do all they can to resolve conflict, end foreign occupation, confront oppression, eradicate poverty, promote sustained economic growth, sustainable development, global prosperity, good governance, human rights for all and the rule of law, improve intercultural understanding and ensure respect for all religions, religious values, beliefs and cultures.*

Furthermore, the fight against violent extremism and terrorism must also include the rejection against xenophobia and Islamophobia, which are emerging as the new faces of violent extremism.

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**Mr. President,**

Algeria has learned a precious lesson from the bitter experience in the fight against violent extremism, terrorism and its roots. Since the last review process in 2014, and all along two years, my country Algeria has realized significant qualitative steps and made tremendous efforts in preventing violent extremism and curtailing terrorism.

Those steps consolidate the achievements of the historical reconciliation policy submitted by the President of the Republic, Abdelaziz Bouteflika, in the form of the Charter for Peace and National Reconciliation adopted through a referendum by an overwhelming majority of the Algerian People.

From our experience we learned that as important as it may be, defeating terrorism solely by security means will always be incomplete for terrorism will always exploit and use the shortcomings existing in every society for the purpose of justifying itself.

Algeria firmly believes that the battle to be waged against this dreadful scourge has to be on a daily basis and in all areas of activity, whether political, institutional, economic, cultural, religious, educational or social. Any hope of success requires the active involvement of all national institutions, all societal stakeholders, and all citizens.

Therefore, the Algerian authorities adopted a strategy designed to shield society as a whole and each citizen from any influence or manipulation by the advocates of violent extremism and terrorism. This strategy is implemented at several levels. It is based on permanently strengthening participatory democracy, the rule of law, and social justice, and on promoting development that offers equal opportunities for each and every citizen.

All those aspects are addressed and well framed in a comprehensive way in our National Plan for deradicalization and prevention against violent extremism.

**Mr. President,**

Obviously, the fight against terrorism as well as the fight against violent extremism require greater attention, and must be the subject of sustained bilateral, regional, and international cooperation.

Algeria's efforts to combat terrorism were always aimed at increasing regional and international cooperation even before the manifestation of major acts of international terrorism that the world has known. Algeria has sought from the beginning to strengthen efforts against terrorism at the African level and as a result, many international instruments and initiatives have emerged and are playing today a very important role in enhancing the effectiveness of the African efforts in that regard.

In the Sahel region, the concept of coordination and cooperation finds its full potential. In view of the prevailing situation which requires both coordination and strengthening the capacities of the countries of the region on the basis of the principle of ownership, Algeria has engaged in a concerted approach through many mechanisms of cooperation.

To name but one among the latest activities, at the regional level, Algeria, hosted on 27-28 April 2016, the consultative meeting on the start-up of the African Union Mechanism for Police Cooperation (AFRIPOL) with the participation of the AU Commission and the African Center for the Study and Research on Terrorism (ACSRT) were also represented. My Country stressed the need for enhanced cooperation between the police and law enforcement agencies in Africa and the benefits of such cooperation in the fight against transnational organized crime and terrorism.

**Mr. President,**

My Country appreciate the level of our cooperation with the United Nations mechanisms and specialized programmes in combating terrorism and is willing to develop it further.

In addition, Algeria's membership in the Global Counter-Terrorism Forum reflects its commitment to participating in every relevant fora to promote international cooperation against terrorism. Within this Frame, Algeria co-chairs with Canada the working group on strengthening capabilities to combat terrorism in the African Sahel region.

Algeria has also hosted and participated in a number of coordination and assessment activities aimed at strengthening capabilities and exchanging expertise in order to implement the best practices in addressing terrorism in all its aspects.

**Mr. President,**

In conclusion, Algeria hopes that the resolution that we adopted by consensus last Friday will be another effective building step within our collective endeavours to combat and eliminate international terrorism.

Thank you for your kind attention