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Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism

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Mr. Chairman,

1. At the outset, allow me to congratulate you on your election as the Chairman of this Committee. We are confident that under your able leadership the Sixth Committee will work in an focused and effective manner.

2. It is my great honor to speak today on behalf of the Members of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO): the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, the Russian Federation, the Republic of Tajikistan, the Republic of Uzbekistan, and my own country the People's Republic of China.

3. This year marks the 10th anniversary of the 9.11 terrorist attack. In these 10 years, despite some progress achieved by international community in combating terrorism, terrorism has not yet been eliminated and remains the serious concern for us all.

4. 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.

5. The SCO Member States firmly believe that, in today's context where terrorists operate on a global scale, the dangers of terrorism can only be counteracted effectively by strengthening collective international cooperation mechanisms through a worldwide multilateral effort. In this regard, the SCO Member States emphasizes that counter-terrorism cooperation should be conducted on the principle of respect for international law including state sovereignty and without any "double standards" .

Mr Chairman,

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. 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. We welcome the renewed determination to fight against terrorism demonstrated at the Special meeting of the 10th anniversary of Counter-Terrorism Committee , which was held in Sep. 28, 2011 and looking forward to the establishment of the UN Counter-terrorism Center.

Mr. Chairman,

9. The SCO member States express grave concern over the expansion of terrorist ideology. Representatives of numerous ethnicities with different religious beliefs and cultural traditions live in the territory of this Organization. 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 strongly underscore the importance of developing anti-terrorism partnerships between states, civil society, mass media and the private sector.

Mr. Chairman,

10. 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. 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.

11. 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 SCO therefore supports the vigorous revitalization of its activities to break the link between terrorism and organized crime. In this context, 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.

Mr. Chairman,

12. The SCO Member States will continue to focus intensively on strengthening the international legal framework of anti-terrorism cooperation. We believe that many of the SCO agreements,

including the SCO Convention Against Terrorism, make an important contribution to the development of this legal framework due to their open and innovative nature. We call upon the earliest agreement on the draft comprehensive convention on international terrorism.

Thank you.