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International Terrorism”**

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Mr. Chairman,

My delegation wishes to warmly congratulate you and other members of the Bureau on your election. We strongly believe that under your able guidance, our deliberations at this session will be fruitful.

Mr. Chairman,

While aligning ourselves fully with the statement that will be delivered today by the distinguished representative of Kyrgyzstan on behalf of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization on agenda item 100, entitled "Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism", the delegation of Kazakhstan would like to highlight certain aspects of this important issue.

Mr. Chairman,

The continuing terrorist attacks around the world are a constant and painful reminder that terrorism remains one of the most serious threats to all states and peoples. Explosions in Iraq, India and Turkey and an aborted London terror plot indicate that this global threat is clearly growing. Taking this opportunity, we would like to express our deepest sorrow over the loss of innocent lives in all acts of terrorism and convey our sympathies and condolences to the families of the victims.

Kazakhstan has consistently opposed and condemned terrorism in all its forms and manifestations. We recognize that no one country is able to counter the threat of terrorism successfully on its own. Terrorism is a common problem of the international community and should be dealt with through joint efforts. In this regard, we applaud the adoption at the previous session of the General Assembly of the first ever United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy. We agree that this strategy will complement the General Assembly's legal framework by providing practical and action-oriented measures. It is also in our collective interest to conclude negotiations on a Comprehensive Convention against International Terrorism.

Kazakhstan considers the elimination of poverty, unemployment, illiteracy, extremism and all forms of discrimination as one of the primary task of the international community in its efforts to prevent terrorism. We strongly believe that it is necessary to ensure sustainable development of all

regions of the world and to pay more attention to the socio-economic impact of globalization.

Kazakhstan has always stressed that the fight against terrorism must be conducted in compliance with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and in such a way so as to refrain from linking terrorism to any particular civilization, ethnic group or religion.

Our delegation fully supports the call to promote dialogue, tolerance and understanding among civilizations in combating terrorism. In this regard, I would like to note that last September Kazakhstan hosted the Second Congress of Leaders of World and Traditional Religions. Its participants have agreed that extremism, terrorism and other forms of violence "in the name of religion" have nothing to do with the genuine understanding of religion and are a threat to humanity. They have also recognized that inter-faith dialogue is one of the key means to ensure social development and promotion of the well-being of all nations. The Declaration adopted by the Second Congress of Leaders of World and Traditional Religions has been circulated as a document of the sixty-first session of the General Assembly and of the Security Council.

Regional and sub-regional arrangements play a critical role in the efforts to enhance the effectiveness of global actions against terrorism. The Conference on Interaction and Confidence-building in Asia (CICA) is one of such structures. Today CICA has 18 members and 8 observer states. During the Second CICA Summit in Almaty this year its participants adopted the Declaration on Eliminating Terrorism and Promoting Dialogue among Civilizations. They agreed to fight terrorism and strengthen bilateral, regional and international cooperation, in accordance with the UN Charter, which is needed to meet this challenge.

Mr. Chairman,

In conclusion, Kazakhstan reiterates its commitment to work with other delegations to effectively contain and rout the threat of terrorism.

We strongly believe that our work during this session will be successful and the goals to which we aspire will be achieved.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.