

DRAFT RESOLUTION

PRESENTED BY AFGHANISTAN AT THE HRC'S 17TH SESSION

Proclamation of 19 August as the International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism

The Human Rights Council,

Pp 1. *Guided* by the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and other relevant instruments of international human rights law and international humanitarian law, (A/HRC/RES/14/7 . Pp 1)

Pp 2. *Taking into account* the importance of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, adopted on 8 September 2006, reaffirming that the promotion and protection of human rights for all and the rule of law are essential to the fight against terrorism, recognizing that effective counter-terrorism measures and the protection of human rights are not conflicting goals but complementary and mutually reinforcing, and stressing the need to promote and protect the rights of victims of terrorism, (A/HRC/RES/13/26 . Pp 2)

Pp 3. *Deploing deeply* the suffering caused by terrorism to the victims and their families and expressing its profound solidarity with them, and stressing the importance of providing them with proper assistance, (A/HRC/RES/13/26 . Op 3)

Pp 4. *Reaffirming* its unequivocal condemnation of all acts, methods and practices of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, wherever and by whomever committed, regardless of their motivation, as criminal and unjustifiable, and renewing its commitment to strengthen international cooperation to prevent and combat terrorism, (A/HRC/DEC/16/116 . Pp 4)

Pp 5. *Reaffirming also* that acts, methods and practices of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations are activities aimed at the destruction of human rights, fundamental freedoms and democracy, threatening the territorial integrity and security of states and destabilizing legitimately constituted governments, (A/HRC/DEC/16/116. Pp 5)

Op 1. *Recommends* that the General Assembly proclaim 19 August the International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism; (A/HRC/RES/14/7 . Op 1 with change of date and name of the Day)

Op 2. *Invites* all Member States, organizations of the United Nations system and other international organizations, and civil society entities, including non-governmental organizations and individuals, to observe the International Day in an appropriate manner; (A/HRC/RES/14/7 Op 2)

Op 3. *Requests* the Secretary General to bring the present resolution to the attention of all Member States of the United Nations. (A/HRC/RES/14/7. Op 3)

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In the afternoon of 19 Augusts 2003 terrorists attacked the headquarters of the United Nations in Baghdad. The bombing of the Canal Hotel claimed the lives of 22 innocent persons, including the Special Representative of the Secretary General, Sergio Vieira de Mello, and wounded more than 150.

