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Terrorism targets innocent people, it is cruel and constitutes a serious crime. It is a threat to other countries in condemning terrorism regardless of where, who or what are committed. International terrorism is one of the most serious threats to international peace and security, and we need to take a long-term and integrated approach to fight it effectively.

Terrorism cannot be overcome with the only means of human rights. It is the starting point of our efforts against terrorism. We must ensure that fundamental freedoms are not eroded in the name of security. We must ensure that the moderate majority, and the unheard and its political will, is re-asserted.

Preventing terrorism requires a comprehensive approach, including political, economic, legal and, if necessary, military means. And we must maintain a long-term perspective. This is at the core of the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, which was unanimously adopted by the UN General Assembly in 2006. Norway fully supports the Strategy and urges all UN Member States to implement it.

The Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force was set up to coordinate UN agencies to assist Member States in implementing the Strategy.

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