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STATEMENT
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.. - Serbia is a party to the overwhelming majority of international conventions against terrorism

and is doing its utmost to fully implement relevant General Assembly and Security Council
resolutions and, in particular, Resolution 1373 (2001). With the same commitment, we have
joined the efforts of the OSCE, Council of Europe and the European Union to eliminate this
global scourge that no cause can justify.

Having set an ambitious reform agenda with the membership in the European Union as its
strategic priority, the Government of Serbia is making special efforts directed at strengthening its national capacities, legislation and the training of local stakeholders to implement standards which contribute to the development of national counter terrorism plans. In this context, I would like to inform that we are in the final stage of the preparation for the start of the joint project with the EU and UNODC, aimed at strengthening the legal regime against terrorism in Serbia. Having in mind that the Terrorism Prevention Branch {TPB) of the UNODC is the primary global provider of legal technical assistance relating to the international legal regime against terrorism, we have developed a Programme of activities jointly with the European Commission.

The initiative will be further elaborated in close cooperation with EU Member State representations, EU Member State experts and with the relevant EU institutions. Let me emphasize that relevant provisions and strategic commitments in EU documents will be taken into account. The primary aim of the initiative is to build the capacities of relevant authorities and to develop a comprehensive counter-terrorism legal framework in the Republic of Serbia to effectively combat terrorism and to strengthen the efficient inter-agency cooperation in the fight against terrorism.

Furthermore, my country has laid special emphasis on the need to step up national efforts to enhance bilateral, sub-regional, regional and international cooperation aimed at strengthening the common front in the fight against terrorism. In this context let me point out some of the activities of the Republic of Serbia.

Last year the Republic of Serbia hosted a workshop on countering terrorist financing for SEE Member