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Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism
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Mr Chairman,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the European Union and its Member States.

Recent events in Kenya are the most immediate reminder, if any were needed, that terrorism remains one of the most serious threats to international peace and security. And it is a threat to which none of us is immune: many countries lost nationals at the Westgate Shopping Centre.

We strongly condemn terrorism in all its forms and manifestations. We must work together, in the framework of the UN Global CT Strategy, to ensure that those responsible are prosecuted and punished.

Countering terrorism remains at the top of the international agenda. The EU has developed its own CT strategy in 2005 which addresses internal and external CT issues. We work hand in hand with the UN to make our counter terrorism efforts mutually reinforcing. The support in particular to the international efforts for the stability in Somalia and the whole Horn of Africa region is of the utmost importance, as it was underlined

of the world, we must also constantly adapt our response. The upcoming fourth biennial review of the implementation of the Strategy is therefore a good opportunity to update and strengthen the framework for its international implementation combining capacity building with the fullest respect of human rights and the Rule of Law

Mr Chairman,

We are committed to the full implementation of Security Council and General Assembly resolutions on counter terrorism. We continue to support the work of Committees established pursuant to Resolutions 1267/1989, 1373 and 1540 which provide a fundamental framework for international efforts to prevent and fight terrorism and to develop national and regional counter terrorism capacities.

The EU continues to believe that sanctions are an important tool in the international fight against terrorism and that prompt and effective implementation of relevant sanction measures by all UN Member States is of utmost importance. Regarding targeted sanctions regimes, we

Finally, we repeat our call for all Member States to ratify and implement all UN counter terrorism conventions and protocols, which form the legal basis for international efforts to fight terrorism, and we recognize Member States efforts towards making progress on the Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism. We also commend the activities of the Terrorism Prevention Branch of UNODC in assisting Member States in