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Mr. Chairman,

I wish to congratulate you as well as the members of the Bureau on your election to steer the work of the sixth committee for this historic 70th session. Your cooperation and support to help you conduct fruitful and successful deliberations.

As we meet today to discuss one of the most debated topics in the sixth committee, we can all

It co-sponsored General Assembly Resolution (A/RES/67/281)

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Lebanon participated in the two-day Cairo Conference held in May of this year, which resulted in a Declaration outlining practical recommendations to strengthen collaboration, such as the establishment of a high-level MENA task force to coordinate regional and international efforts against cultural racketeering.

Mr. Chairman,

Consistent with Pillar I of the UN Global Counterterrorism Strategy, Lebanon continues to insist on the crucial need to address root causes of violent extremism, such as flashpoints of tension, poverty, social exclusion and marginalization, impunity and double standards in the compliance with international law. Terrorist groups exploit these inconsistencies, frustrations and injustices to lure men and women, into the path of violent extremism.

We should also strive to prevent radicalization through education; an education that would disseminate values of tolerance, understanding of the other, critical thinking, dialogue as well as the ability to foster solutions together, and reject bigotry and essentialism.

In the same way, upholding human rights standards and the rule of law while countering terrorism, is indispensable. These principles, deeply enshrined in the Charter and relevant human rights treaties Lebanon abides by, have been severely tested during these times of turmoil. We must be up for this challenge.

Thankyou.