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Mr Chairman,

Since my delegation is taking the floor for the first time, let me congratulate you on your assumption of the Chair of the Sixth Committee.

My delegation aligns itself with the Statement delivered by (ran on behalf of the N M

The scourge of terrorism continues to beset humanity and remains one of the greatest threats to international peace and security. Sri Lanka condemns, unequivocally, terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, regardless of where, by whom and for what purpose they are committed.

Terrorism has claimed innocent human lives and caused untold suffering over the years. State borders continue to collapse as terrorist groups seize new territory, as recently seen in the Middle East. ISIL continues to erase human history through the deliberate destruction of irreplaceable cultural heritage sites, most recently in the ancient city of Palmyra which it captured in May of this year. More generally, the phenomenon of foreign terrorist fighters continues to be an area of

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