Statement by H.E. Halit <;evik, Ambassador,
Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations,
at the Sixth Committee for the 70th Session of the General Assembly
on Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism (12.10.2015)
Mr. Chairman,

Let me join other representatives congratulating you on your election to the Chairmanship of the Sixth Committee. My congratulations also go to the other members of the Bureau. You can rest assured of my delegation's full support and cooperation.

Mr. Chairman,

Terrorism continues to pose a serious threat to international peace and security, as well as to the stability and wealth of states. Far from diminishing, the terrorist threat is constantly evolving, leaving countries before new

It is imperative that all states take necessary measures so that members of terrorist organizations, including

Mr. Chairman,

Turkey takes an active stance in the fight against terrorism. We are co-chairing the Global Counter-terrorism Forum. Turkey is also co-chairing the Anti-DAESH Coalition Working Group on Foreign Terrorist Fighters.

Turkey sees the UN as the main platform for promoting a concerted approach against terrorism. Turkey is party to most of the UN conventions and protocols on terrorism. We actively contribute to capacity building efforts and work of the UN agencies such as the UN Counter-terrorism Centre and the Counter-terrorism Implementation Task Force, as well as of regional organizations. Turkey will start capacity-building training in four African countries in partnership with the UN Center for Counter-Terrorism.

It is also with this understanding that we support and take active part in the implementation of the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy. Turkey is pleased to have facilitated the latest resolution on the outcome of the Fourth Review of the Strategy in June 2014. We look forward to continuing our

Turkey, as the co-chair of Global Counter Terrorism Forum (GCTF) has been contributing to the debate on countering violent extremism. In four years, we have developed important tools in the form of best practices and framework documents. Most recently, at the 6th Ministerial Meeting of the GCTF held on 26th September 2015, a new initiative to address the life-cycle of radicalization to violence was launched.

Mr. Chairman,

Our efforts to dismantle networks of recruitment, propaganda and finance of terrorist groups should continue. Bearing in mind the close link between
terrorism and organized crime, which is a primary source of terrorism financing,
our efforts should be sustained in order to prevent crimes such as drug
trafficking, money-laundering and arms-smuggling.

In this context, in order to counter oil smuggling attempts by DEASH/ISIL,
Turkey adopted many measures at the Turkish-Syrian and Turkish-Iraqi borders,
even when the issue of curbing the finances of the organization was not on the ou12543n 419