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Statement of the United Arab Emirates' delegation
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Mr. Chairman,
On behalf of the United Arab Emirates' delegation, I would like to congratulate you on your election as the Chairman of this Committee during its 70th session, and to wish you and the members of the Committee every success. Iwould also like to thank the Secretary-General for his valuable report contained in document A/70/211 on the measures to eliminate international terrorism, and for his ongoing efforts to promote international peace and security.

Mr. Chairman,
The challenges facing the region today, particularly violent extremism and terrorism, demonstr.ate that this organization has not yet fulfilled its primary objective of maintaining international peace and security. Therefore, it is incumbent on all ofus as members of this organization to be committed to the principles of the United Nations' Charter, to promote dialogue and moderation, and to play an active and responsible role towards regional and international issues, if we are to truly overcome these challenges.

The UAE strongly rejects and condemns acts of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, in particular the terrorist acts carried out by Daesh, Al-Qaida, Hezbollah,

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Ansar-Allah, Al Shabab Movement, and other groups in Yemen, Libya, Syria, Iraq, Somalia and Afghanistan, which have escalated their brutal attacks in the region recently.

These groups use malicious methods to control the targeted groups, especially youth, deceiving them through social media and directing them remotely to commit terrorist crimes, proving that the threat of these organizations transcends geographical boundaries and is a risk not only for our region but also for all countries and communities. They spawn violent extremism under the cover of Islam and claim the application of Sharia. Therefore, we call for combating all forms of extremism before it turns into violent extremism.

Mr. Chairman,
In this context, my country has had a strict policy in its

my country allocated all national potentials and expertise to ensure coordination and cooperation with international, regional and sub-regional mechanisms relevant to countering terrorism.

In addition, the UAE has recently issued a law criminalizing offences of defamation of religions and discrimination based on religion, caste or ethnicity; it also imposes maximum penalties for the exploitation of religion in rejecting the others. My country pursues preventive policies to protect the targeted group, namely young people, against extremism and violence, and establishes long-term strategies to address their root causes by developing the educational system and curriculum in order to promote a culture of moderation and dialogue.

Mr. Chairman,
At the international level, the UAE has been committed to supporting regional and international efforts aiming at combating extremism and terrorism through cooperation and coordination with regional and international partners, including the international coalition against Daesh and the "Global Counterterrorism Forum".

Moreover, the UAE participated in establishing and hosting a number of international institutions to combat intellectual extremism such as the "Hedayah" center to help the international community in building capacity and exchanging best practices in countering all forms of extremism. The UAE also hosts the "Muslim Council of Elders" and "The Forum for Promoting Peace in Muslim Societies", with a view to spread a culture of tolerance and peace and promote rapprochement among religions.

Recently, the UAE launched in cooperation with the United States the "Sawab" center in order to counter narratives promoted by Daesh and other groups through social media, and to allow moderate voices to reach millions of people who reject terrorist practices and the misleading conceptions of these groups. My country also continues to enhance and

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coordinate its efforts with other partners in the framework of its membership of the Global Counterterrorism Forum to prevent the spread of terrorist acts and other related crimes.

Today, on the 70th anniversary of the UN, the UAE emphasizes the importance of efforts
to reach a final agreement on anti-terrorism convention. We reiterate our position that an international conference should be convened under the auspices of the UN to establish a
clear definition of terrorism.

In conclusion, the UAE underscores the significance of engaging medium and small States in peace, security and development efforts, as we believe in their constructive and positive role especially that their number has increased over the past seventy years.

Finally, we call on the international community to seize the opportunity of the 70th anniversary of the UN to create international partnerships built on solidarity and a genuine desire to achieve development, security and prosperity for our peoples.

Thank you.

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