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Years after years in this committee and in other fora, when dealing with this item, my delegation has first and foremost reiterated its categorical condemnation of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations.

We have also repeatedly affirmed that terrorism has no religious, national or ethnic identity but that one of cruelty. It strikes blindly and indiscriminately.

As a country that has been a constant target of terrorism, Lebanon continues to work incessantly to prevent and counter it.

Lebanon abides by all relevant conventions on terrorism that it joined.

One month ago, our government launched consultations with key actors to elaborate a comprehensive national plan to eradicate terrorism.

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Of course, confronting the issue of terrorism requires us to approach it firmly but cautiously as well.

Unfortunately, in these times of crisis, simplistic confusions are rampant:

clear: terrorism does not found its roots in Islam.

Another simplistic confusion is the association of terrorism with other principles duly recognized under international law, such as the right to self-determination and the right to resist foreign