



Statement on behalf of the European Union and its Member States

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cutting off resources of terrorism financing in full compliance with the rule of law and international law, in particular human rights law, international humanitarian law and international refugee law. We should address the threat posed by returning and relocating foreign terrorist fighters through, in particular, efforts on legal and operational measures to prevent FTF travel, to collect and share information about FTF travel and to adopt a balanced approach aimed at prosecution when appropriate and eventual rehabilitation and reintegration. The specific role of women and children returning from conflict zones requires special attention and due care in order to avoid long term security threats. And so does the role of victims of terrorism. Assistance to victims of terrorism and their families is an integral part of EU counter-terrorism efforts.

Outside our borders, we know that the strength of our partners is our own strength. So we are working with countries in the Middle East, North Africa, in the Sahel and the Horn of Africa, in the Western Balkans and also increasing our efforts in Central, South, and Southeast Asia to help build capacity, encourage mutual learning and find common areas of cooperation. The EU has also established a network of CT/Security experts in EU Delegations to support capacity building efforts.

We fully support the UN's role in the prevention of violent extremism and in the fight against terrorism. The deepening of the international

