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Mr. Chair,

the resort to terrorist acts. Indeed, terrorist acts violate human dignity, human rights and international humanitarian law ; endanger the stability and cohesion of society, jeopardize human development and threaten international peace and security. Consequently, it is indispensable that effective measures be adopted by all to prevent the recruiting, training and financing of potential terrorists as well as the commission of terrorist acts . Particular attention must be given to preclude the radicalization and self-radicalization of the youth through the media and cyber technologies

It should not be forgotten though that terrorism is a crime and it must be fought taking full advantage of the well-honed mechanisms of criminal law and international mutual assistance among police and judicial authorities. Security or military means are never sufficient to contrast terrorism and are rarely appropriate. The importance of the counter-terrorism conventions adopted by this Committee in ensuring international judicial cooperation should therefore not be underestimated.

The United Nations may play a key role in assisting Member States in preventing terrorist activities before they

