

We abhor terrorism in all its manifestations wherever, by whomever, and against whomsoever committed, and whatever the excuse. We reject to rely on a narrow and condemn it as lazy thinking by the usual suspects whose brains have hemorrhaged.

Sure, we recognize the long-term need to search for the roots of terrorism. It is an academically promising field of study. But once terrorism has taken root, grown and started to bear militant fruit, then addressing the roots of terrorism must take a back seat, and pulling out the growth must take first priority before it scatters its seeds farther afield to take root, grow and flourish in more places. This must be done with the strictest regard for human rights; with no hurt to the innocent. For the blood of the innocent

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calling for a united front against terrorism until all that's left of it is a painful memory like fascism in the past.

At the global level, the United Nations through the Global Strategy on Counter-Terrorism has primacy. For the Strategy to be effective, the United Nations and its institutional architecture must be, not just comprehensive but coherent, coordinated, **but** not waste its time talking and wringing its hands about the roots of terrorism. The sapling is there; indeed it is growing into a tree, and soon there will be an orchard of it. The solution is clear: uproot it.

The UNOCT¹ must work closely with CTED² and the Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact but always **with** respect for national ownership and national priorities or be thrown out by sovereign states for its presumption. No one can know better than a state how its particular terrorist threat must be addressed. This is one area where there are no experts outside of those fighting it in-country.

Our country has adopted measures in line with the Strategy:

Amendment and enhancement of our terrorism law;

Strengthening our engagement on anti-money laundering and combating financing of terrorism;

Passage of the strategic trade management act to strengthen our compliance with UNSC Resolution 1540 and other sanctions regime relative to chemical-biological-radiological-nuclear issues;

Completion of our anti-terrorism law to ensure full compliance with UNSC Resolutions;

Strengthening our partnership with the INTERPOL thru the global police communications system; and

Investigation and prosecution of the personalities included in the UN sanctions.