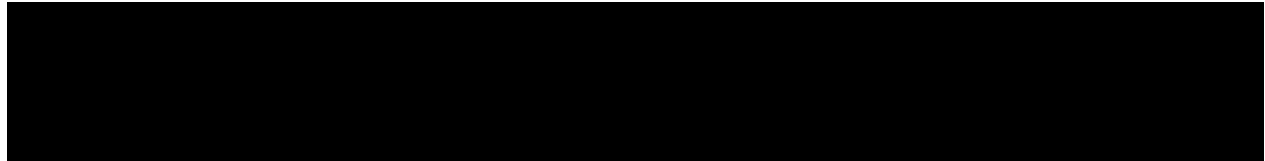


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India Statement



2. Terrorism is an existential threat to international peace and security. Terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, irrespective of the motives behind terrorist acts, can never be justified and the perpetrators and supporters of such attacks should be brought to justice.

3. It is equally important that we ensure that our collective action against terrorism remains united, and it does not give space to countries who use terrorism as a political tool to spread violence and hatred, divide societies, and justify these acts, on one ground or another. Such behavior should be condemned unequivocally and be held accountable by the international community.

4. UNSC resolution 1566 (2004) clearly mentions that terrorism, under no circumstances, is justifiable by considerations of a political, philosophical, ideological, racial, ethical, religious or other similar nature.

Mr. President,

5. India has faced the horrors of state sponsored cross border terrorism much prior to the world taking serious note of it. Over the last more than three

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7. The world had only woken up to the perils of terrorism after 9/11 attacks of 2001, which then led to several multilateral initiatives, including the resolution 1373, which established the Counter Terrorism Committee. Long before these initiatives, India as part of the Ad Hoc Committee on International Terrorism, established in 1972, has been calling for a comprehensive multilateral legal framework to counter terrorism. In November 1996, India took initiative to circulate a “first draft” of the Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism or CCIT.

8. It is unfortunate that while terrorism remains unabated, destroying humanity and societies around the world, our efforts towards CCIT are constrained by narrow differences.

9. We are not even able to define international terrorism. In this regard, there are templates, on which we can work on. For example, the OP3 of the UNSC resolution 1566 (2004), provide a comprehensive definition for

