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Mr. Chair,

My delegation congratulates you and the other members of the Bureau on your election. Let me assure you of my delegation's support in undertaking the work of this committee.

"Terrorism is one of the most brutal forms of violence traumatizing the international community today; it sows hatred, death, and an urge for revenge and reprisal."<sup>1</sup> Terrorism

any particular religion, nationality or ethnicity. In response, it is necessary to build a culture of dialogue. In particular, efforts must be redoubled to rediscover our common humanity as the basis for human fraternity.

In addition, any effective response to terrorism must address material injustice, including inequality and deprivation, which can create conditions ripe for exploitation by terrorist groups. Promoting integral human development and building inclusive societies is critical to addressing the conditions that facilitate terrorism's spread. First and foremost, education plants the seeds of peace and provides a foundation for cohesive and tolerant civil societies.

Mr. Chair,

Any response to terrorism must be collective and concerted. In this regard, the Holy See welcomes multilateral efforts aimed at promoting international cooperation in countering terrorism. Therefore, my delegation welcomes the adoption of the eighth UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy this past June. It is only through consensus, with the participation of all States, that measures to eliminate international terrorism will fully bear fruit.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.