



Today, we operate in a complex, volatile and uncertain environment. Events such as the October 7 attacks, the ensuing conflict in Gaza escalation of violence in Lebanon, and other global conflicts and crises have had a profound and lasting impact on our nations and our societies.

The continued entrenchment of terrorist groups in Western Africa, the Sahel and the Horn of Africa is a source of concern not just for Africa, but for the world. Terrorism is a global problem that seeks to strike at the heart of our communities.

As terrorist groups continue to adapt their tactics to the evolving world, and to exploit new methods and technologies to achieve their ends, CANZ countries remain committed to using global solutions to address this pernicious threat to international peace and security, and to the international rules-based order on which we rely.

We recognize that effective counterterrorism measures and the protection of human rights are not conflicting goals, but complementary and mutually reinforcing. Moreover, terrorism will not be defeated by military force, law enforcement measures, or intelligence operations alone.

We cannot address terrorism and violent extremism on our own or in isolation. It is by working together, with our regional and international



partners, that we can better collectively identify, reduce and mitigate drivers of extremism and terrorism. Understanding the differentiated and rapidly evolving drivers of terrorism and violent extremism enables focused measures aimed at effectively suppressing the threat of terrorism globally.

CANZ countries reaffirm the obligations and commitments we have made under international law, including international humanitarian law and human rights law, in considering the measures that we take to combat terrorism.

We urge all states to do the same, and to make use of the existing institutions of the United Nations, including those established on the basis of the 1267 and 1373 resolutions, to combat terrorism and its financing, and to prevent and suppress acts of terrorism.

These resolutions are an essential component of a comprehensive approach to addressing the underlying conditions conducive to the spread of terrorism. These include cooperative efforts on border control, information sharing, investigating of terrorist acts, applying of sanctions, and improving humanitarian access. These resolutions both deter and prevent terrorist acts.

In addition to government action at all levels, we reiterate the importance of engaging all elements of society in the work to counter violent extremism.





We will continue to work closely with the international community bilaterally, regionally and globally to counter violent extremism and international terrorism in all its forms.

Thank you