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Thank you Mr. Chair,

Let me start by extending my congratulations to you and the Bureau members on your election. The magnitude of your task is clear, and my delegation stands ready to support you in addressing the pressing matters before this Committee. Georgia aligned itself with a statement delivered by the European Union and I would like to make the following remarks in my national capacity.

Distinguished Delegates,

Today, in different parts of the world we face growing threats of terrorism manifested in increasingly complex forms that transcend national borders. The

threats posed by terrorism. countering the global

Border Management Strategy (2023-2027) and joined the UN Countering Terrorist Travel program, 'goTravel,' further enhancing border control and surveillance capabilities. Moreover, Georgia became the first non-NATO country to achieve operational partner status in NATO's Operation Sea Guardian.

Our legislative landscape has been significantly enhanced to address new and emerging threats. In 2023, Georgia adopted amendments to the laws on Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT), thus improving our ability to detect and deter the financing mechanisms that sustain terrorism. These reforms are in line with international standards, including

While legislative and security measures are critical, we understand that combating terrorism requires a broader approach. Prevention is the cornerstone of sustainable counter-terrorism efforts. This includes tackling the root causes of extremism – poverty, inequality, and social exclusion – which terrorist groups exploit. In this context, Georgia has placed particular emphasis on youth engagement and community resilience programs aimed at preventing radicalization. Through civic integration policies and targeted awareness campaigns, we are working to ensure that all sectors of society, especially vulnerable groups, are equipped to resist extremist ideologies.

At the same time, Georgia is committed to further strengthen cooperation with

In an era where terrorist networks exploit cyberspace for recruitment, propaganda, and coordination, Georgia is also prioritizing cybersecurity as part of its counter-terrorism strategy. Strengthening our digital infrastructure and enhancing the capacity of law enforcement to address cyber threats are key components of these efforts. We have introduced measures to counteract the use of the internet and social media platforms for terrorist activities, working closely with the private sector to ensure that digital spaces are not abused by malign actors.

Excellences,

Herewith, let me draw your attention to the Russia-occupied Abkhazia and Tskhinvali regions of Georgia. Due to the illegal occupation, these regions remain beyond international monitoring mechanisms. Subsequently, these dire circumstances, including grave security, human rights and humanitarian situation therein create a fertile ground for all sorts of illicit activities and pose serious threat to regional and international peace and security.

Speaking about the security in our region, let me stress the devastating implications of the act of aggression against Ukraine, which continues to cause immense human suffering, forced displacement, and severe damages to critical infrastructure. We are deeply concerned about the escalation of aggression against Ukraine and its indiscriminate attacks.

In conclusion, let me reiterate Georgia's steadfast commitment to the continued efforts of the international community and the UN for preventing and countering terrorism and violent extremism. Through strengthening our domestic capabilities, strengthening cooperation, and upholding counterterrorism commitments under the international law and, we will continue to contribute to a safer and more secure world.

I thank you!