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Mr. Chairman,

At the outset, I would like to congratulate you and other members of the Bureau on your election.

Mr. Chairman, terrorism remains a potential, immediate and escalating threat in many regions
and countries, also rooted in or merging with xenophobia, racism and ethno-nationalism. In some
parts of the world, including our region, terrorism has been used to advance and support
territorial claims, violent ethnic separatism and aggressive wars against sovereign States.

Azerbaijan has repeatedly been an object of externally directed terrorist attacks, which claimed
the lives of thousands of our citizens. For more than thirty years, the territories of Azerbaijan
formerly occupied by Armenia had been a zone of presence and activities of infiltrated terrorist,
mercenary and other armed groups, accumulation and proliferation of uncontrolled armaments
and military equipment and illicit exploitation of and trade in natural resources and other illegal
activities.

Despite the end of the conflict in the fall of 2020, Armenia refused to completely withdraw its
armed forces from the territory of Azerbaijan for the next three years, resorting instead to mine
terrorism and continuing to import weapons, military equipment and soldiers there. The purpose
was to advance territorial claims and kill and maim Azerbaijanis on their own sovereign territory.

After putting in place the effective border control, following a series of deadly terrorist acts that
caused numerous casualties among civilians and military, in September last year, Azerbaijan
carried out the local counter-terrorism measures on its sovereign soil, in the Garabagh region.
These measures lasted less than 24 hours and

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Azerbaijan legitimately exercised its inherent right and responsibility to address the increasingly
critical security situation by protecting its people, defending its sovereignty and territorial
integrity and restoring peace, the legal order and stability in the region, acting exclusively in full

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Furthermore, continued solidarity with and support for victims and survivors of terrorism and
affected States must remain humanitarian and human rights imperative.

As many delegations have noted, the war on terrorism cannot and must not be used to target
any religion or culture. That principle must be part and parcel of any counter-terrorism strategy.

Azerbaijan will continue its efforts to curb terrorist activities and to prosecute and punish
terrorist offenders.

Thank you.