



Statement on behalf of the European Union

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Mr Chairman,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the European Union and its Member States.

The Candidate Countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia , Montenegro and Albania , the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as Ukraine align themselves with this statement.

The current uprising of ISIL underlines once again that we are not free from the scourge of terrorism. ISIL poses a threat to peace and security that goes beyond Syria, Iraq and the Middle East region and to which no country is immune.

The European Union is appalled by and firmly condemns, the indiscriminate killings and human rights abuses perpetrated by this and other terrorist organizations, in particular against religious and ethnic minorities and the most vulnerable groups. The EU is convinced that those responsible for such crimes shall be held to account.

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look beyond government and involve civil society. Progress in this area requires local efforts on a global scale.

The foreign terrorist fighters' phenomenon poses particular challenges that require as well global and multidisciplinary efforts. We have witnessed and welcomed several initiatives such as the UNSC resolutions 2170 and 2178(2014) that emphasise the strong commitment of the international community to act jointly and responsibly to address this challenge. In particular we note with appreciation the strong message in resolution 2178 that Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) is an essential element of responding to the Foreign Terrorist Fighter threat in a long-term and sustainable manner. We also commend recent GCTF initiatives including the adoption of The Hague-Marrakesh Memorandum for a more effective response to the FTF phenomenon, the launch of a GCTF working group dedicated to foreign terrorist fighters, the Hedayah Center and the Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund (GCERF) to which the EU will contribute. In the course of 2014, the EU held a number of meetings with the Mediterranean countries to deal with the problem of foreign fighters and prevent the spill over from the Iraq/Syria coordinate actions. On 25-27 November 2014, the EU, together with CTED and Switzerland, will also organize a Regional Conference on "Foreign Terrorist Fighters" that will bring together experts and practitioners from Europe, the Middle East and North Africa. The European Union is committed to tackle the Foreign Terrorist Fighters threat with the utmost determination and with a comprehensive strategic approach.

Mr. Chairman,

Another key component of the CT strategy is countering the financing of terrorism. The EU has developed a comprehensive strategy to tackle the multiple aspects from analysis on changing threats, trends and methods to developing best practices on implementing counterterrorism financing and anti money laundering standards, including the FATF, and targeted sanctions regimes. Cooperation with the private sector, sharing of financial intelligence and information on investigations are areas where the EU and its member States concentrated efforts.,

transparent and cooperative work in the area of CT, while avoiding duplicating efforts. As regard UN sanctions regimes, we once more commend the work of the 1267 Committee Ombudsperson and reiterate our support to her unwavering efforts. We promote