

Statement by Mr. Majed Bamyá, First Counsellor, Permanent Observer Mission of the State of Palestine to the UN, before the Sixth Committee of the UN General Assembly in its 72nd session, on “Measures to eliminate international terrorism” (Agenda item 108), 4 October 2017

Thank you Mr. President,

We congratulate you for your election to Chair our work and extend our congratulations to the other members of the bureau and express our hope for a constructive and successful session that contributes to advancing the rule of law and addressing the many challenges being faced by the international community at this critical time.

The State of Palestine aligns itself with the Statements of the Non-Aligned movement and the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation.

The State of Palestine values the sincere engagement of the Secretary General for a successful review of the UN counter terrorism architecture and welcomes the establishment of the Office for counter terrorism and warmly congratulates Mr. Vladimir Ivanovich Voronkov on his appointment as head of this Office

We reiterates our willingness to work actively with other delegations to continuously refine the United Nations Global Counter Terrorism Strategy as well as to support this Office

affecting millions of innocent civilians, causing instability in numerous countries, and highlighting the need for a comprehensive and balanced implementation of the strategy across all four of its pillars.

The State of Palestine condemns terrorism in all its forms and manifestations and terrorist acts wherever, by whomever and against whomsoever committed, including those in which States are directly or indirectly involved. While action to prevent and combat terrorism is necessary, such action must be in full compliance with international law, including the Charter, international human rights, refugee law and international humanitarian law.

Member States have repeatedly affirmed their determination to continue to do all they can to resolve conflict, end foreign occupation, confront oppression, eradicate poverty,