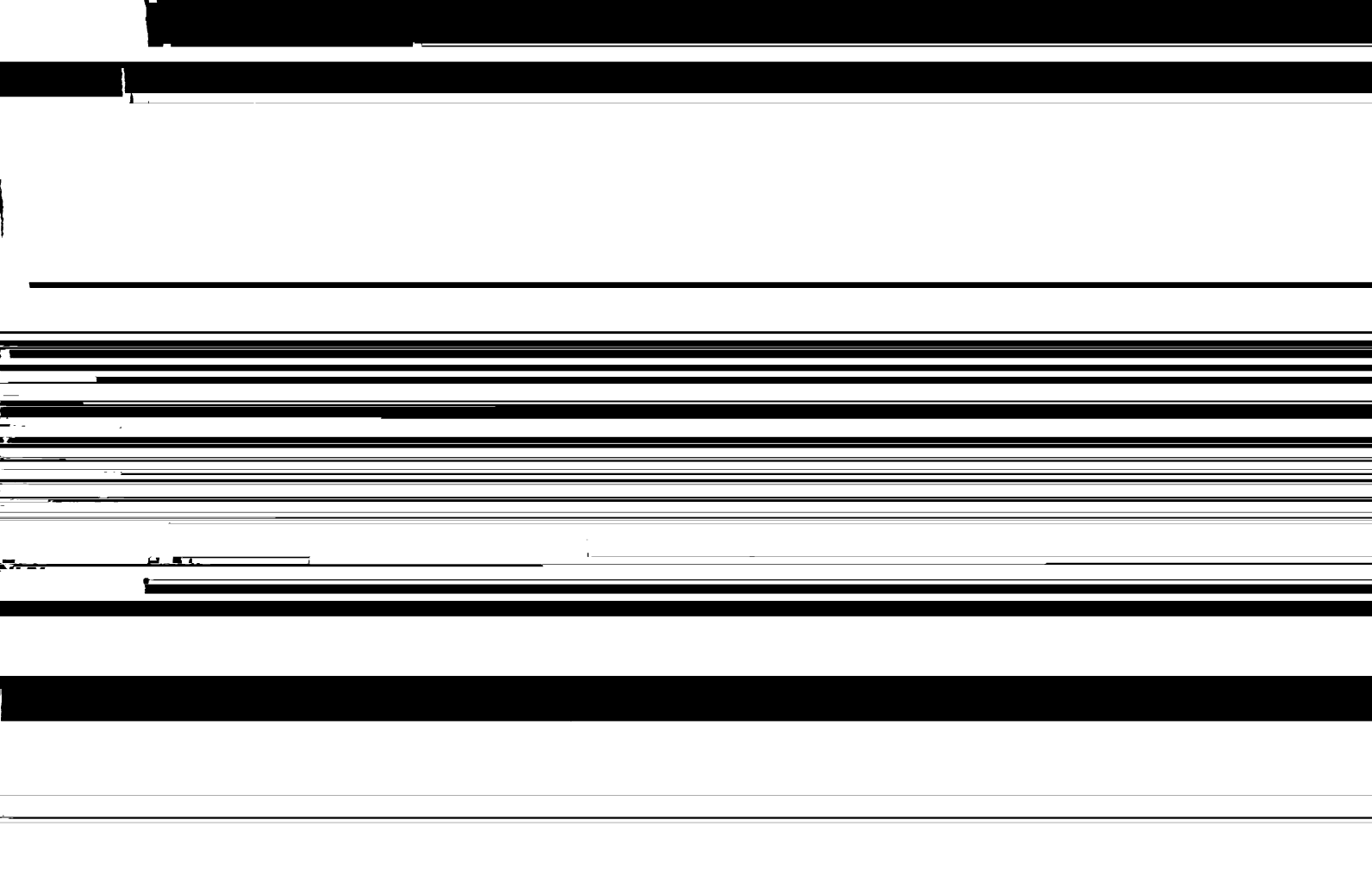


**Statement by Turkey**  
**at the Sixth Committee for the 72<sup>st</sup> Session of the General Assembly**  
**under agenda item 109: “Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism”**


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**Mr. Chairman,**

Let me join other delegations in congratulating you, and other members of the Bureau of the Sixth Committee on your election and assure you of my delegation's



Terrorism is a serious threat to well-being of our citizens and societies as well as international peace and security. We strongly condemn terrorism in all its forms and



against DEASH from the very beginning and has been the target of multiple terrorist attacks.

We spare no efforts countering DEASH threat. 53,781 individuals are included in our no-entry list and 5,217 individuals were deported in the context of measures against foreign terrorist fighters. Our Risk Analysis Units at the airports denied

entry to more than 4.000 suspected FTFs.

While we continue our fight against the DEASH threat, horrendous attacks by the

universal principle of “extradite or prosecute” is crucial for a collective response to terrorism.

It is regretful that members of terrorist organizations, including those targeting Turkey, are allowed to abuse the right to asylum, to circumvent justice.

Bearing in mind the close link between terrorism and organized crime, which is a primary source of terrorism financing, our efforts should be sustained in order to prevent crimes such as drug trafficking, money-laundering and arms-smuggling.

I wish also to emphasize that terrorism cannot and should not be associated with any religion, civilization, nationality or ethnic group.

**Mr. Chairman,**

Turkey played a leading role in the foundation of the Global Counter Terrorism Forum and my country, together with the US, has co-chaired the Forum between September 2011 and April 2016.

My county also co-chairs the Horn of Africa Working Group within the Forum together with the European Union.

In the margins of the high-level week of the UN General Assembly, the Global

