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Mr. President,

At the outset, kindly allow my delegation to warmly congratulate you on your election as Chairperson of the Sixth Committee and for having competently set the tone for fruitful deliberations of the work of this committee. I wish you and your distinguished Bureau, as well as the Secretariat all the best for the weeks ahead, and assure you and your Bureau of our full support.

My delegation aligns itself with the statement made by Algeria on behalf of the African Group and by Iran on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM). The Government of Mauritius strongly condemns terrorism in all its forms and manifestations.

Mr. Chair,

The Government of Mauritius is leaving no stone unturned fighting terrorism. Though Mauritius has so far been spared from any terrorist activity, we fully acknowledge that it is not immune to such a reality and the risk of being victim is ever present. Safety and security of the Republic of Mauritius and of its population is and will remain a key priority for the Government.





Counter Terrorism Strategy (NCTS). This strategy is derived from the SADC regional CT Strategy which is based on the four pillars of the UNGCTS and adapted to the domestic risk assumptions. The NCTS will be focused on these approaches: -

- (i) Community bonding;
- (ii) Law Enforcement;
- (iii) Intelligence Networking;
- (iv) Strategic Messaging.

Mr. Chair,

Today, terrorism exists irrespective of borders and severely undermines the sovereignty of States in a way we have never seen before. Indeed, global terrorism has emerged as one of the most pressing security challenges around the world.

In this current era, Mr. Chair, it is more important than ever that all States and international organisations reinforce their cooperation and coordination in the fight against terrorism, in accordance with our obligations under international law.

While each of our countries is reinforcing its own internal efforts to combat terrorism, we must all understand that unless we look, in a holistic and integrated manner, at the fundamental causes of extreme radicalism and fundamentalism we will continue to remain vulnerable to this scourge.

It is urgent to build consensus on global counter terrorism efforts and reinforce multilateral cooperation in fighting this scourge. Indeed, we need to pay attention to why individuals are attracted to violent extremist groups.