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SINGAPORE TO THE UNITED NATIONS,
ON AGENDA ITEM 111,
ON MEASURES TO ELIMINATE INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM,
SIXTH COMMITTEE,
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1 Thank you very much Mdm Chair, it is a pleasure to see you chairing our meeting. Let me also offer my congratulations to you and members of the bureau on their election to this very important committee. You can rest assured that the Singapore delegation will work with you very closely to ensure a very productive session.

2 Mdm Chair, international terrorism continues to be a grave concern for Singapore. And as with many other countries, Singapore views terrorism as inherently contrary to the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and as something that should be strongly condemned under all circumstances. In brief, terrorism undermines everything that we at the United Nations are working towards, namely, global peace, security, prosperity, and the rule of law.

3 Mdm Chair, I wish to make three points. First, Singapore has adopted a comprehensive counter-terrorism strategy. This involves continual enhancement of our capabilities for security and community responses to terrorism. The community plays a very vital role in Singapore, in strengthening and safeguarding our social fabric against terrorism. We have also, in recent years, strengthened partnerships with religious organisations as well as with community leaders, and we have been working closely with them to counter the spread of extremist ideologies.

4 The second point that I wish to make is that our counter-terrorism strategy is underpinned by a robust legal and regulatory regime. In 2016, the Financial Action Task Force assessed Singapore's framework for combatting money laundering and terrorism financing as being

introduced new laws where necessary, to ensure that our security forces have the necessary authority and powers to prevent and deal with the threat of terrorism as effectively as possible.

5 My third point concerns developments at the international level. Here I would like to say that Singapore remains committed to supporting a strong, sustained, and coordinated global response to terrorism. We ar

8 It is quite clear that progress on the draft Convention has been slow. But we think this is something that we need to continue to do our best to find agreement. In this regard, we would welcome the coordinator's initiative to stimulate discussions on draft Article 3[18], which pertains to the relationship between the draft Convention and other legal regimes. And we, as Singapore, look forward to participating in these discussions, and to working with other delegations to try and resolve the outstanding issues in order to achieve a consensual outcome.

9 Thank you very much, Mdm Chair.