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Mr. Chairman,

At the outset, I would like to congratulate you and the members of the bureau on your election and assure you of Afghanistan's support and cooperation as you lead the work of the Sixth Committee in this challenging time.

Afghan-initiated Heart of Asia-Istanbul Process, under which we are working on a regional counter-terrorism strategy to consolidate our efforts.

At the global level, we have always attached great importance to the United Nations in providing a unified global response to terrorism. As such, we look forward to the 7th review of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy which is expected to take place next year. We also wish to commend the UN Office of Counter-Terrorism for organizing the Virtual Counter-

d from 6 to

10 July this year.

Looking forward, we would like to stress the need for accelerating our joint efforts towards the successful conclusion of the Draft Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism, which will provide a strong basis for international counter-terrorism cooperation.

We also reiterate our call for the more effective enforcement of the UN Security Council sanctions regimes to target the capacities, resources and cross-border movements of terrorist groups. In that regard, all States must act decisively on their international obligation to refrain from any kind of material and moral support to terrorists, including safe havens.

Furthermore, an effective counter-terrorism approach requires more concerted efforts in addressing the root causes of terrorism, including terrorist narratives, its various sources of finance, and the interlinkages between terrorism, drug trafficking and other forms of transnational organized crimes.

Mr. Chairman,

Addressing the plight of victims of terrorism constitutes an important part of counter-terrorism efforts.

As a Co-Chair of the Group of Friends of Victims of Terrorism, Afghanistan continues to advocate for the promotion and protection of the human rights of victims and survivors of terrorism, and on the importance of ensuring that their voices are heard and their financial, moral, and psychological needs are taken into consideration. We are pleased to have virtually held the Second Ministerial Meeting of the Group of Friends on the sidelines of the High-Level Week of the 75th UN General Assembly last month and look forward to continue our work together towards our important shared objective.

In conclusion, I would like to reaffirm longstanding commitment to combating international terrorism in all its forms and manifestations. While our efforts for