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Measures to eliminate international terrorism  
Statement by Norway on behalf of the five Nordic countries

I have the honour to address the Sixth Committee on behalf of the five Nordic countries: Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Sweden and my own country Norway.

Terrorism and violent extremism are a grave threat to our societies. The

cooperation, with the United Nations playing a leading role. Human rights, democracy and the rule of law must be at the core of this response.

M(r/s). Chair,

The Nordic countries attach great importance to preventing violent extremism in all its forms and manifestations and are all members of the Group of Friends of Preventing Violent Extremism. Norway and Jordan co-chair the group. Its purpose is to raise awareness of the underlying conditions that drive the spread of violent extremism and terrorism. The group has promoted integration of PVE across the Tc 0.006 rgr0.6 ((g)w.9)-2.3 (at)-60.6

Cities, the Global Community Engagement & Resilience Fund and similar platforms at the local level.

Youth and children are our future, and we must keep in mind that they are some of our most important assets in the struggle against terrorism and violent extremism. We must listen to young voices as they play a key role in preventing radicalisation. We must pay particular focus to how youth perceive their own grievances – they may also hold the solutions to key challenges. We should therefore engage youth in meaningful discussions on how to diminish influence from violent extremism, on the local level as well as online.

M(r/s). Chair,

The Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy was reviewed earlier this year, and we are glad that it came to a positive conclusion. While we are overall pleased with the outcome, there are some issues where we had hoped for further progress. While we recognise the important work made by the Office of Counter Terrorism, we believe that stronger evaluation mechanisms would be beneficial. We would also like to underline the need for enhanced coordination of counter-terrorism and prevention activities between all UN entities. Language concerning human rights and gender could have been stronger and should be included as cross-cutting issues in all UN counter-terrorism activities.

In conclusion, we would once again highlight the importance that the Nordic countries attach to full respect for