

**Statement by Turkey at the Sixth Committee for the 76th Session of the General  
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Madame Chair,

Let me join other delegations in congratulating you and other members of the Bureau on your

grave violation of human rights but also a factor that has negative impacts on fulfilment of fundamental rights and freedoms.

All acts of terrorism are unjustified regardless of their motivation, wherever, whenever and by whomever committed.

In this respect, we strongly condemn terrorism in all its forms and manifestations and pay respect to the memories of all the victims of terrorism.

Terrorism cannot and should not be associated with any religion, civilization, nationality or ethnic group. Any attempt to establish such affiliations would only play into the hands of groups and individuals who espouse violence.

Madame Chair,

Turkey has been at the forefront of countering terrorist organizations with a broad spectrum of ideologies, be it DAESH, Al-Qa

With this in mind, and with reference to emerging currents and trends in terrorism, we actively participated in further development of the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy. Despite some serious shortcomings we welcome the adoption of the 7th review of the Strategy by consensus. We will continue to support the implementation of the Strategy's "four pillars" in the period ahead

Madame Chair,

The FTFs still pose an enduring threat.

They have direct implications for Turkey's security and for the countries beyond our borders. For that reason, bilaterally and in every multilateral fora, including but not limited to the UN and Global Coalition Against Daesh, we have been advocating the view that temporary and legally unsound fixes on preventing FTF returns will not resolve this daunting problem.

The responsibility of so-called detention of FTFs should not be left to other terrorist groups. Member states should avoid actions that would, even though implicitly and inadvertently, provide legitimacy the other terrorist organizations on the ground.

FTFs in inadequate and illegitimate detention facilities and their associated family members living in overburdened camps pose a serious security threat and a humanitarian challenge.

In this framework, we believe that repatriation of FTFs by the source countries and their prosecution, rehabilitation, reintegration, as appropriate, is of key importance.

We commend the countries that have undertaken repatriations and urge the others to take back their own nationals.

The "Global Framework" developed by UNOCT in close cooperation with UNICEF and other relevant UN entities, including OHCHR, which was officially launched last week, deserves our praise. We believe it provides a clear guidance as to how the UN system will work to

Also, the nexus between organized crime and terrorism cannot be overlooked. The smuggling of narcotics, as well as human and migrant trafficking, among other illegal activities, constitute significant sources of revenue for terrorist groups. Prevention of such transnational crimes requires concerted action. To this end, Turkey works closely bilaterally with other countries and actively contributes to the collective efforts within regional and international fora. In this respect, we value the work of the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).

Madame Chair,

We are fully aware of the importance of upholding human rights while countering terrorism and to ensure that all measures taken are consistent with our relevant international obligations.

Addressing the root causes of terrorism by preventing violent extremism, in all its forms and manifestations, also needs to remain a priority.

We look forward to working closely with Member States on measures to eliminate terrorism.

We also hope that progress will be achieved on the negotiations aimed at concluding the Comprehensive Convention on Terrorism.

Madame Chair,

Before I conclude, I would like to underline that we categorically reject the allegation against Turkey in paragraph 8 of the report of the Secretary General (A/76/201).

Thank you.