

United Nations General Assembly Sixth Committee: Plenary debate on measures to eliminate international terrorism

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Thank you, Chair.

I have the honour to speak on behalf of Canada and New Zealand and my own country, Australia.

As this is the first time our delegations are taking the floor during this session of the Sixth Committee, we wish to first congratulate you and all other members of the Bureau for your appointments. CANZ assures you of our full support.

[Mr/Madam] Chair,

CANZ reaffirms its absolute condemnation of terrorism and violent extremism, wherever it takes place and in whatever form.

We recognise that acts of terrorism remain a significant threat to communities around the world, as well as a threat to international peace and security.



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CANZ is also resolute in its conviction that we cannot counter violent extremism and terrorism without embedding gender-responsive approaches. Understanding the differentiated drivers and impacts of terrorism enhances the effectiveness of measures to eliminate international terrorism.

In this regard, we welcome the establishment of the Gender and Human Rights Unit in the UN Office of Counter-Terrorism, and look forward to its facilitation of a gender-responsive approach to counter-terrorism work.

[Mr/Madam] Chair,

Our work in the Sixth Committee must remain integrated and aligned with broader UN efforts in the global fight against terrorism.

CANZ welcomes the eighth review of the Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy (GCTS) undertaken by the General Assembly this year. We continue to fully support the holistic and preventative approach of the GCTS and the Secretary-

To ensure the work of this Committee remains relevant and productive, consistent with the broader General Assembly revitalisation agenda, CANZ is of the view that we should consider aligning # work on international terrorism with the new three-year cycle for GCTS reviews.

As founding members of the Global Counterterrorism Forum, we also welcome the 8 cy-setting role for our collective counter-terrorism efforts. We value the close cooperation and mutually UN.

[Mr/Madam] Chair,

CANZ will continue to work with the international community to support a peaceful and stable international environment that prevents violent