



# PHILIPPINES

## STATEMENT

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Thank you, Mr. Chair, for leading this session. We align with the statements of Iran on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement and of Cambodia on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

Mr. Chair,

We thank the Secretary General for his Report (A/78/221) which gives us a sense of the steps that states have taken forward in line with Paragraph 10 of the Declaration on Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism.

The Philippines recognizes that the threat from international and local terrorist groups remains a significant challenge to global security. We are eager to contribute to the international efforts and overall initiatives to countering terrorism and violent extremism, in line with the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy's four pillars, and consistent with human rights and the rule of law. Our unrelenting resolve to address its root causes has led to a significant improvement in the Philippine outlook.

Mr. Chair,

The Philippines has adopted measures not only to counter and prevent terrorism, radicalization, and violent extremism, but also to ensure that their root causes are sufficiently addressed, their victims, as well as the families of the victims, are able to find justice through a whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach.

Strengthening our legal framework, particularly through the Anti-Terrorism Act of 2020 is one of the many steps we have taken in the whole-of-nation approach to prevent and suppress international terrorism. We also exert efforts to counter terrorism financing, enhance law enforcement and border control, secure and protect cyberspace.

