Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation at the United Nations

136th E 67th Street New York, NY 10 gl 1 97r91 **T** We would like to emphasise that the most important condition for the success of UN projects to assist states in the field of counterterrorism is strict consideration of their national characteristics and specific needs, as well as the recommendations of the relevant bodies of the Security Council, primarily its Counter-Terrorism Committee.

Mr. President,

Russia is in favour of consistently strengthening the UN's central coordinating role on the basis of international law and through the effective implementation of relevant UN Security Council resolutions without politicisation or double standards.

We intend to continue to oppose attempts to replace the UN anti-terrorist mechanisms, in particular, by delegating their functions to non-governmental organizations. We oppose initiatives that erode the intergovernmental nature of the UN. We are convinced that States and their competent authorities should play a leading role in the planning and implementation of measures to combat terrorism. Cooperation with civil society, academic and religious actors, and the media can complement, but should not be a substitute for, intergovernmental processes.

Civil society should be more actively involved in preventive work to prevent the spread of terrorist and extremist ideology. It is important to create an atmosphere of categorical rejection of terrorism and extremism in our societies. There can be no justification for their manifestations, no matter what ideological, religious or national slogans are invented for this. Particular attention should be paid to countering the use of modern information and communication technologies for terrorist and extremist purposes.

We consider the fight against the ideology of terrorism, including the use of law enforcement tools, countering its financial and material support, as well as bringing terrorists to justice and improving mechanisms for cooperation in the criminal law sphere.

Mr. President,

We cannot fail to note the growing threat of terrorist attacks motivated by

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We stand for strengthening the legal basis for international anti-terrorist cooperation, for strict compliance with the existing norms and principles of international law, primarily the UN Charter.

Mr. President,

We consider the insinuations made against the Russian Federation related to the current situation in Ukraine to be irresponsible. We cannot see them in any other way than the politicization of the work of the Sixth Committee.

The Russian Federation defends its interests based on international law, including the UN Charter and its inalienable right to self-defense.

Anti-Russian accusations were made by countries that turn a blind eye to the criminal actions of the Kiev regime, which has long turned into a terrorist cell and actively resorts to terrorist methods in its practice.

Thank you.