Special meeting of the Counter-Terrorism Committee commemorating the 20th anniversary of the adoption of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001) and the establishment of the Committee

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Statement of

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Thank you, Mr. Chair.

Excellencies, distinguished participants,

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Member States analysis the advance outcomes of the two surveys, highlighting the progress made and the remaining challenges.

Second, on facilitating the delivery of technical assistance.

Member States are obligated to take effective measures to meet the requirements of the Council resolutions, but the international community also

In all our endeavours, we remain committed to upholding core values and our

obligations under international law.

Effective counter-terrorism measures and the protection of human rights are not

conflicting goals.

Rather, they are both essential elements of successful counter-terrorism approaches.

CTED routinely integrates relevant human rights concerns into all its activities,

including in its country assessments, desk review profiles, the facilitation of technical

assistance, and other interactions with Member States.

I would also add that CTED has and continues to mainstream the gender dimension

into all its work.

Mr. Chair, Excellencies, distinguished participants,

Twenty years the global

terrorist threat persists and continues to evolve.

We face a number of new and significant challenges, such as new tactics and

operational methods employed by terrorist groups; the return and relocation of

foreign terrorist fighters and family members; the increasing links between

transnational crime and terrorism; and the terrorist acts motivated by xenophobia,

racism and other forms of intolerance, and violent extremism conducive to terrorism.

We also face the threat posed by the misuse of ICT and other technological

developments such as artificial intelligence, cryptocurrencies, and 3D printing for

terrorist purposes, as well as issues relating to the roles of women and children in

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terrorism, restrictions on humanitarian assistance operations, and shrinking civic

space.

In all our efforts to address these challenges, we must continue to ensure full respect

for, and protection of, human rights and the rule of law, while also continuing to

integrate a gender- and age-sensitive approach and strengthen public-private

partnerships.

And even as we recall the many heinous terrorist attacks that have occurred

throughout the world over the past two decades, recent developments, including that

Afghanistan, remind us that the global fight against terrorism is far from over.

As we commemorate the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of resolution 1373 and

the establishment of the Counter-Terrorism Committee, and as we continue to

address the rapidly evolving terrorist landscape, let us reaffirm our commitment to

multilateralism and to our common values and principles as enshrined in a series of

adopted Security Council and General Assembly resolutions.

Rest assured that CTED continues to stand ready to assist Member States in their

efforts to combat the global terrorist threat, acting under the policy guidance of the

Committee and in accordance with the relevant Council resolutions.

Thank you.

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