Statement by Carlo Chiaromonte, Council of Europe, on the occasion of the United Nations Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee Special Meeting on international judicial and law enforcement cooperation in Counter-Terrorism Matters pursuant to Security Council resolution 2322 and other relevant Council Resolutions.

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Mr Chairman,

Distinguished Members of the Counter-Terrorism Committee, Dear Excellencies,

Major landmarks and archaeological sites have been deliberately demolished by terrorist groups, in places such as Palmyra and Mali.

We must continue to encourage inter-cultural dialogue with the aim of preventing stigmatisation, discrimination, hate speech and intolerance against minorities.

We must ensure that counter-terrorism activities are proportional, that they are not discriminatory on racial or religious grounds.

Dear friends, as we can see from those present here today, continued work is necessary not just within and between states, but across regions, too.

It must be emphasised that a truly comprehensive counter-terrorism strategy must take place at all levels.

In this regard, we applaud the efforts of the CTC and CTED for their work in co-ordinating international approaches.

We are committed to preventing and suppressing terrorism while respecting human rights and the rule of law not only in Europe, but globally.

Improving international judicial and law enforcement co-operation requires trust and respect.

Preventing terrorism is about keeping the world, and all of our societies, together.

In the interests of our shared security, let us remain committed to each other. And on that note, I would like to thank you for your attention and wish you all a successful event.