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The Security Council,

Reaffirming that terrorism in all forms and manifestations constitutes one of the most serious threats to international peace and security and that any acts of terrorism are criminal and unjustifiable regardless of their motivations, whenever and by whomsoever committed and remaining determined to contribute further to enhancing the effectiveness of the overall effort to fight this scourge on a global level,

Reaffirming also that terrorism cannot and should not be associated with any religion, nationality, civilization or group,

Noting with concern that terrorism continues to pose a serious threat to international peace and security, the enjoyment of human rights, the social and economic development of all Member States, and undermines global stability and prosperity, that this threat has become more diffuse, with an increase, in various regions of the world, of terrorist acts including those motivated by intolerance or extremism, *expressing* its determination to combat this threat, and *stressing* the need to ensure that counter-terrorism remains a priority on the international agenda,

Recognizing that terrorism will not be defeated by military force, law enforcement measures, and intelligence operations alone, and *underlining* the need to address the conditions conducive to the spread of terrorism, as outlined in Pillar I of the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy (A/RES/60/288) including, but not limited to, the need to strengthen efforts for the successful prevention and peaceful resolution of prolonged conflict, and the need to promote the rule of law, the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms, good governance, tolerance, inclusiveness to offer a viable alternative to those who could be susceptible to terrorist recruitment and to radicalization leading to violence,

Expressing concern at the increase in incidents of kidnapping and hostage-taking committed by terrorist groups, in some areas of the world with a specific political context, with the aim of raising funds or gaining political concessions,

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Reiterating the obligation of Member States to prevent and suppress the financing of terrorist acts, and criminalize the wilful provision or collection, by any means, directly or indirectly, of funds by their nationals or in their territories with the intention that the funds should be used, or in the knowledge that they are to be used, in order to carry out terrorist acts,

Reaffirming the obligation of the Member States to freeze without delay funds and other financial assets or economic resources of persons who commit, or attempt to commit, terrorist acts or participate in or facilitate the commission of terrorist acts; of entities owned or controlled directly or indirectly by such persons; and of persons and entities acting on behalf of, or at the direction of such persons and entities, including funds derived or generated from property owned or controlled directly or indirectly by such persons and associated persons and entities,

Reaffirming further the obligation of the Member States to prohibit their nationals or any persons and entities within their territories from making any funds, financial assets or economic resources or financial or other related services available, directly or indirectly, for the benefit of persons who commit or attempt to commit or facilitate or participate in the commission of terrorist acts, of entities owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by such persons and of persons and entities acting on behalf of or at the direction of such persons,

Reiterating further the obligation of Member States to prevent the movement of terrorist groups by, inter alia, effective border controls, and, in this context, to exchange information expeditiously, improve cooperation amongst competent authorities to prevent the movement of terrorists and terrorist groups to and from their territories, the supply of weapons for terrorists and financing that would support terrorists,

Underlining that safe havens provided to terrorists continue to be a significant concern and that all Member States must cooperate fully in the fight against terrorism in order to find, deny safe haven and bring to justice, on the basis of the principle of extradite or prosecute, any person who supports, facilitates, participates or attempts to participate in the financing, planning, preparation or commission of terrorist acts or provides safe havens,

Recognizing that development, peace and security, and human rights are interlinked and mutually reinforcing, and *underlining* the international effort to eradicate poverty and promote sustained economic growth, sustainable development and global prosperity for all,

Emphasizing that continuing international efforts to enhance dialogue and broaden understanding among civilizations in an effort to prevent the indiscriminate targeting of different religions and cultures, can help counter the forces that fuel polarization and extremism, and will contribute to strengthening the international fight against terrorism, and, in this respect, *appreciating* the positive role of the Alliance of Civilizations and other similar initiatives,

Reaffirming that Member States must ensure that any measures taken to combat terrorism comply with all their obligations under international law, in particular international human rights, refugee, and humanitarian law,

Reaffirming its call upon all States to become party to the international counter-terrorism conventions and protocols as soon as possible, whether or not they

are a party to regional conventions on the matter, and to fully implement their obligations under those which they are a party,

Reiterating its call upon Member States to enhance their cooperation and solidarity, particularly through bilateral and multilateral arrangements and agreements to prevent and suppress terrorist attacks and encourages Member States to strengthen cooperation at the regional and subregional level,

Expressing concern at the increased use, in a globalized society, by terrorists of new information and communication technologies, in particular the Internet, for the purposes of the recruitment and incitement as well as for the financing, planning and preparation of their activities,

Recognizing the importance that Member States act cooperatively to prevent terrorists from exploiting technology, communications and resources to incite support for terrorist acts,

Recognizing the importance of the support of local communities, private sector, civil society and media for increasing awareness about the threats of terrorism and more effectively tackling them,

Expressing its profound solidarity with the victims of terrorism and their families, stresses the importance of assisting victims of terrorism, and providing them and their families with support to cope with their loss and grief, recognizes the important role that victims and survivor networks play in countering terrorism, including by bravely speaking out against violent and extremist ideologies, and in this regard, welcomes and encourages the efforts and activities of Member States and the UN system, including the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force (CTITF) in this field”,

Recalling resolution 1373 (2001) of 28 September 2001, which established the Counter-Terrorism Committee (CTC), and *recalling also* resolution 1624 (2005) and its other resolutions concerning threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts,

Recalling, in particular, resolution 1535 (2004) of 26 March 2004, resolution 1787 (2007) of 10 December 2007, and resolution 1805 (2008) of 20 March 2008, which pertain to the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED),

Welcoming the CTC’s efforts to pursue a more strategic and transparent approach to its work, to seek to raise the visibility of its work within the wider United Nations and counter-terrorism community, and to streamline its working methods, all of which have led to increased effectiveness; and *urging* that these efforts be intensified,

Noting with appreciation CTED’s continuing emphasis on the guiding principles of cooperation, transparency, and even-handedness, and *welcoming* CTED’s increased regional and subregional approaches to and thematic focus in its work, including in identifying and addressing technical assistance needs, as it continues to intensify its outreach efforts,

Underscoring the central role of the United Nations in the global fight against terrorism and *welcoming* the adoption by the General Assembly of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy (A/RES/60/288) of 8 September 2006, the institutionalization of the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force

(CTITF) in accordance with General Assembly resolution 64/235 of 24 December 2009, which will further enhance the CTITF's efforts to ensure overall coordination and coherence in the counter-terrorism efforts of the United Nations system, including in the field, and the call for enhanced engagement of Member States with the work of the CTITF (A/64/297),

1. *Underlines* that the overarching goal of the CTC is to ensure the full implementation of resolution 1373 (2001) and *recalls* CTED's crucial role in supporting the Committee in the fulfilment of its mandate;

2. *Decides* that CTED will continue to operate as a special political mission under the policy guidance of the CTC for the period ending 31 December 2013 and further decides to conduct an interim review by 30 June 2012;

3. *Welcomes and endorses* the recommendations contained in the "Report of the Counter-Terrorism Committee to the Security Council for its Comprehensive Consideration of the Work of the Counter-Terrorism Executive Directorate";

4. *Urges CTED to continue* to strengthen its role in facilitating technical assistance for implementation of resolution 1373 (2001) aimed at increasing the capabilities of Member States and regions in the fight against terrorism by addressing their counter-terrorism needs, in close cooperation with CTITF, as well as with bilateral and multilateral assistance providers, and welcomes the focused and regional approach of CTED to this work;

5. *Encourages* CTED, in close cooperation within the CTITF and its relevant Working Groups, to focus increased attention on resolution 1624 (2005) in its dialogue with member States to develop, in accordance with their obligations under international law, strategies which include countering incitement of terrorist acts motivated by extremism and intolerance and in facilitating technical assistance for its implementation, as called for in resolution 1624 (2005) and the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy;

6. *Encourages* CTED to arrange meetings with Member States in various formats, with their consent, including for the purpose of considering advising, as appropriate, on the development of comprehensive and integrated national counter-terrorism strategies and the mechanisms to implement them that include attention to the factors that lead to terrorist activities, in accordance with their obligations under international law, and in close cooperation within the CTITF and its Working Groups, with a view to ensuring coherence and complementarity of efforts and to avoid any duplication;

7. *Encourages* CTED to interact, as appropriate and in consultation with the CTC and relevant member States, with civil society and other relevant non-government actors in the context of its efforts to support the CTC's efforts to monitor the implementation of resolutions 1373 (2001) and 1624 (2005);

8. *Stresses* the importance of a tailored dialogue among CTED, the CTC, and Member States, and *encourages* the CTC and CTED to continue to arrange meetings involving counter-terrorism officials from Member States and relevant international, regional, and subregional organizations, with a thematic or regional focus relevant to the implementation of resolutions 1373 (2001) and 1624 (2005);

9. *Urges* CTED also to intensify cooperation with relevant international, regional, and subregional organizations with a view to enhance Member States'

capacity to fully implement resolution 1373 (2001) and resolution 1624 (2005) and to facilitate the provision of technical assistance;

10. *Reminds* that effective counter-terrorism measures and respect for human rights are complementary and mutually reinforcing, and are an essential part of a successful counter-terrorism effort, *notes* the importance of respect for the rule of law so as to effectively combat terrorism, and thus encourages CTED to further develop its activities in this area, to ensure that all human rights issues relevant to the implementation of resolutions 1373 (2001) and 1624 (2005) are addressed consistently and even-handedly including, as appropriate, on country visits that are organized with the consent of the visited member State;

11. *Highlights* the importance of the CTC/CTED work program and in this context looks forward to a special meeting open to the wider membership, to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the adoption of resolution 1373 (2001) and the establishment of the Committee;

12. *Directs* CTED to produce an updated Global Implementation Survey of resolution 1373 (2001) by 30 June 2011 and in advance of the above mentioned meeting that inter alia:

- assesses the evolution of risks and threats, and the impact of the implementation;
- identifies gaps in the implementation;
- proposes new practical ways to implement the resolution;

13. *Directs* CTED to produce a Global Implementation Survey of resolution 1624 (2005) by 31 December 2011, that inter alia:

- assesses the evolution of risks and threats, and the impact of the implementation;
- identifies gaps in the implementation;
- proposes new practical ways to implement the resolution;

14. *Requests* the CTC to report orally, through its Chairman, at least every 180 days to the Council on the overall work of the CTC and CTED, and, as appropriate, in conjunction with the reports of the Chairmen of the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999) and the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004), and urges the CTC Chairman to continue the practice of providing informal briefings, including with a regional or thematic focus, for all interested Member States;

15. *Encourages* CTED to continue to report to the Committee, on a regular basis or when the Committee so requests, through oral and/or written briefings on the work of CTED, including its visits to Member States, the conduct of workshops and other activities;

16. *Reiterates* the need to enhance the ongoing cooperation among the CTC, the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999), and the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004), as well as their respective groups of experts, including through, as appropriate, enhanced and systematized information sharing, coordination on visits to countries and participation in workshops, on technical assistance, on relations with international and regional organizations and

agencies, and on other issues of relevance to all three committees, *expresses* its intention to provide guidance to the committees on areas of common interest in order to better coordinate counter-terrorism efforts, and *recalls* resolution 1904 (2009) which requests the Secretary-General to make the necessary arrangements for the groups to be co-located as soon as possible;

17. *Encourages* CTED to continue joint activities, in cooperation with the 1267 Monitoring Team, the 1540 Committee experts and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to assist Member States in their efforts to comply with their obligations under the relevant resolutions, including through organizing regional and subregional workshops;

18. *Welcomes and encourages* CTED's continued active participation in and support of all relevant activities under the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, including within the CTITF and its Working Groups, established to ensure overall coordination and coherence in the counter-terrorism efforts of the United Nations system.
