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General of the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism

Mr. Vladimir Voronkov  
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**Thank you, Mr. Chairperson,**

Delegation of Kazakhstan warmly welcomes the Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Office, Ambassador Vladimir Voronkov to the Permanent Council and thank him for insightful presentation.

Fight against international terrorism demands a long-term, comprehensive approach, regional and global cooperation with the active participation of world community.

Kazakhstan has always stood for strengthening national capabilities of the UN Member States to address international terrorism and violent extremism through regional and international cooperation.

Kazakhstan is guided by the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy (GCTS) and other international universal instruments, which it has ratified, and is actively engaged in the work of regional organizations, such as OSCE, the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA) and Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO). We are also enhancing our cooperation with UN entities – Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force (CTITF),

Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee, UN Counter-Terrorism Office and others.

On the regional level, we actively implement Joint Plan of Action for the Implementation of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy in Central Asia adopted in 2011, which equally addresses all four Pillars of GCTS and remains as an important instrument to enhance cooperation in countering terrorism among countries of Central Asia. The Plan was elaborated by states of the region, the CTITF, the European Union and the UN Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia in Ashgabat.

At the national level, we adopted the State Programme for Countering Religious Extremism and Terrorism in the Republic of Kazakhstan for 2018-2022, which is significant tool that fully aligns with the idea of GCTS. The main goal of the Programme is to ensure the security of people, the state and society, through improved measures to minimize and eliminate the consequences of this double scourge. Special attention being paid to the greater and active engagement of society, local communities, non-governmental organisations in prevention and remodelling outreach activities among target groups.

**Mr. Chairperson,**

Countering terrorism and violent extremism is one of the priorities of Kazakhstan's foreign policy. This is proven not only by our chairmanship in the 1267 and 1988 UN Sanctions Committees, but also our efforts to address recent trends, such as the presence of ISIL/Da'esh and Al-Qaida in Afghanistan, and the return of foreign terrorist fighters (FTFs) from Syria and Iraq to their countries of origin, including in Central Asia.

In September 2015, at the UN General Assembly, President Nursultan Nazarbayev of Kazakhstan put forward several initiatives, such as to establish under UN auspices, the Global Counter-Terrorism Coalition/Network; and to develop and adopt a UN comprehensive document for combating terrorism.

Under implementation of the abovementioned counter-terrorism initiatives on January 18 the Foreign Minister Kairat Abdrakhmanov presented to all UN member states an initial draft of the Code of Conduct for the terrorism free world. The Code of Conduct reflects key elements of many Security Council resolutions, including resolution 2396, which urged all Member States to strengthen their efforts to enhance measures on border security, criminal justice and information sharing.

On September 28 in New York more than 60 countries signed the Code of conduct, including OSCE participating States as well as Asian and Mediterranean partners for cooperation. This ceremony was attended by Foreign Minister of Kazakhstan Mr. Kairat Abdrakhmanov and today's honourable speaker – Mr. Vladimir Voronkov. Availing this opportunity I would like to express our gratitude for the support of the Kazakhstan's initiative.

Prevention is always among top priorities, thus we welcome UN Secretary-General's initiative in addressing this issue by presenting his Plan of Action to Prevent Violent Extremism.

As an important preventive measure to terrorism and violent extremism and with a view to promote dialogue, Kazakhstan convenes triennially the Congress of the Leaders of World and Traditional Religions, bringing together religious and political leaders to promote peace. This year VI Congress of the Leaders of World and Traditional Religions will be held next week on 10-11 October in Astana on the

topic “Religious leaders for a safe world”. With the same understanding, we hold inclusive and democratic interactions of citizens and youth groups in every locality of our country through the Assembly of the People of Kazakhstan.

Keeping in mind that the terrorist groups use the information and communication technologies for their propaganda, my country supports the Government of Belarus which along with OSCE Secretariat will host an international conference on “Preventing and Countering Terrorism in the Digital Age” in Minsk on 9-10 October.

**Mr.Chairperson,**

Our Organization devotes a lot of efforts to promote our joint fight against terrorism. Kazakhstan highly supports counter-terrorism efforts that are taking place within the OSCE. Ministerial Council in Hamburg adopted “Declaration on strengthening OSCE efforts to prevent and counter terrorism” in which our ministers reaffirmed that terrorism, in all its forms and manifestations, constitutes one of the most serious threats to international peace and security.

We are delighted to hear good news on promotion of cooperation between the UN and the OSCE through signing relevant Memorandum of Understanding.

We welcome the OSCE-wide Counter-Terrorism Conference which took place on 10-11 May 2018 in Rome. The theme on Foreign Terrorist Fighters is relevant topic in a modern world. Kazakhstan made a contribution, in June 2017, of 300,000 USD to support the activities of the UN Counter-Terrorism Centre in Central Asia.

In conclusion, I would like to reiterate my country’s commitment to work with the UN, OSCE, other relevant international structures and

participating States to effectively and efficiently counter ever increasing scourge of terrorism.

Finally, let me wish you, Ambassador Vladimir Voronkov and your team all the success in your important mission.

I thank you.