

STATEMENT OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA AT THE HIGH-LEVEL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON HUMAN RIGHTS, CIVIL SOCIETY AND COUNTER-TERRORISM, ON 10-11 MAY 2022, MÁLAGA, SPAIN

Mr. Chair Person,

The United Republic of Tanzania congratulates the United Nations Office of Counterterrorism (UNOCT) and the Government of the Kingdom of Spain for convening this special meeting which the United Republic of Tanzania has been honored to be part of it. It is our expectation that the outcome of this conference will enhance a global awareness about the needs to preserve human rights on enforcement of counter-terrorism measures.

Mr. Chair Person,

1. Tanzania recognized the initiatives of the UNOCT on preventing violations of human rights while taking measures against terrorism. We are glad that finally human rights machinery is established within the UNOCT. Tanzania is ready to cooperate with the UNOCT and other international stakeholders on addressing the gap of human rights while combating serious crimes including violence extremism and terrorism.

Mr. Chair Person,

2. It has been always a desire of Tanzanian Government to prevent the violation of human rights as well as enhance the role of civil society while combating terrorisms. In this regard, Tanzania has embarked significantly on enhancing human rights on all stages of counterterrorism processes including preventions, investigation, operations, and prosecution measures. Our priority is to apply a non-lethal as preventive measure. Hereby are some of the soft-measures (**Pro-Human Rights Initiatives**) we are advocating: -

i. Inclusiveness:

Since independence, the United Republic of Tanzania have been embarking significantly on enabling fairly representatives of almost all groups in the society in government and development activities. It should be recalled that Tanzania is an ethnically heterogeneous society,

communication and violation of privacy are prohibited in Tanzania. Among the measures we've undertaken is to develop a National Cyber

b) Balance between counterterrorism and Human Rights' Measures

Tanzania agreed with other member states that protection of human rights, individual privacy and a freedom of speech and expression should be a priority. However, we insist that the protection measures should not be in contradiction or undermine other counterterrorism measures. We urge member states to take the necessary precautions so that to avoid establishing benchmarks that may be used as a hiding platform by the criminals such as terrorists, drugs smugglers, human traffickers, and the like.

4. To conclude, the United Republic of Tanzania would like to use this opportunity to reminds all the member states that Terrorism posed immense threats against human rights and seriously erode national and international security. Therefore, we call all actors to tirelessly continue to support the global initiatives against terrorists' activities in line with observance of Human rights, the rule of law and inclusiveness of all actors.

Thank you for your attention.