

Thank you Mr. Chairman.

I would like to take this opportunity and congratulate you on your election as the chairman of the 6th Committee and to assure you that you have the full support of my delegation

I would like also to congratulate you Huw - on your recent appointment as Head of the Codification Division.

In Israel, the threat of terrorism is far from theoretical. Over the course of the past two weeks, my country is facing a relentless and brutal campaign of terror, including car bombs, stabbings and stoning. Over 25 terror attacks took place in cities across the country, killing and injuring innocent Israeli civilians. I will highlight just a few from the recent two weeks.

During the Jewish holiday of Sukkot, terrorists stabbed and killed Nehemia Lavi, father of seven and murdered Aharon Bennett, whose wife and 2 year old son were also attacked and injured.

These events were followed by a shooting attack on their vehicle while their four children were in the back seat.

And just a few hours ago, 2 more young civilians were attacked including a 13 year old boy, who was brutally stabbed while riding his bicycle.

Israel confronts these threats on all its frontiers. Last summer we saw once again the cruel and cynical enemy we face in Gaza, which knows no red lines, and which violates every code of morality. Hamas, an internationally recognized terrorist organization, launched thousands of rockets and mortars at Israeli civilians from residential areas. They set up their military command centers in hospitals and schools, abused UN facilities for weapons storage and as launching pads and exploited innocent civilians as human shields.

Israelis have also been targeted in the North, where Hezbollah stores thousands of rockets in heavily populated neighborhoods and embeds its military infrastructure in civilian areas as it prepares for the next round of attacks against Israel.

Mr. Chairman,

If the international community is serious about eliminating terrorism, it must start with its efforts to isolate the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Iran has been the source of hundreds of terror attacks that have claimed thousands of innocent lives. These terror attacks are planned, funded and executed through

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Israel recognizes and supports the central role of the United Nations in countering terrorism worldwide. We look forward to fully engaging in the fifth review of the United Nations Counter Terrorism Global Strategy. In particular, we ~~jointly~~ call to implement all four pillars of the Strategy in an integrated and balanced manner.

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Mr. Chairman,

To conclude, error and violent extremism are a threat we cannot ignore. Unfortunately, for Israelis it is part of our daily reality. We hope and believe that these efforts will help us win the battle that we cannot afford to lose and the message from this committee must be loud and clear: there is no cause or grievance that justifies terrorism.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.