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Thank you Chair,

Let me begin by congratulating on your election to preside over the work of this Committee during this Session. We look forward to working with you and the Bureau and assure our full support towards ensuring a successful and productive session. Let me also thank the Secretary-General for the Report submitted under this agenda item.

Mr. Chair,

In todayÕs world, terrorism knows no borders. As modern innovations and evolution in political dynamics have resulted in international integration, it has also inadvertently enabled the propagation of these threats which were previously confined to specific countries and regions. Furthermore, the ideologies behind these actions have evolved beyond just a political dimension.

The Maldives is no exception to the threat posed by terrorism and violent extremism. As a

international community in strongly condemning acts of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations. We reject violent extremism, and especially denounce all acts of violence carried out in the name of Islam; for they are not only un-Islamic but anti-Islamic.

Mr. Chair,

Terrorism is a global threat requiring a global solution, which can only be derived from concrete actions, nationally, regionally and internationally. It requires cooperation between domestic agencies, States and international institutions. Counter terrorism strategies at all levels should address the linkages between terrorism, organized crime and financing, and also facilitate capacity building in relevant fields.

Domestically, the Maldives has taken a number of robust measures for the prevention of terrorism and violent extremism. A State policy to counter terrorism and violent

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