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On behalf of the Pakistan delegation, I

congratulate you and members of the Bureau

confident that you and your team will ably
guide the work of this Committee. We assure

you of our full support

terrorism and violent extremism continue to be among the most complex and imposing challenges of our time.

Pakistan unequivocally condemns terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, including

state terrorism. There can be no justification for the killing of innocent people anywhere

regardless of the cause or pretext.

developments and foreign interventions in our neighborhood over the past 40 years.

We have lost over 27,000 of our citizens and law enforcement personnel to this scourge, with many more injured and maimed for life. We have also suffered economic losses of over US\$120 billion. But neither the human nor financial losses have diminished my country's

commitment to fight this menace. It has only

We adopted a "whole of society" approach and

formulated a National Action Plan (NAP) as part of a comprehensive strategy to counter terrorism. Under this 20-point strategy measures have also been taken to evolve a

national narrative to counter violent

terrorism operation any where in the world, to destroy terrorist infrastructures and bases in the Pakistan-Afghanistan border region and our tribal areas. We also embarked on a law enforcement operation targeting those elements

in our urban areas that had fled our military operations in the tribal areas.

Success of this two-pronged approach has resulted in the sharp reduction of terrorist activities across Pakistan over the past two years. According to the Global Terrorism Index, terrorism in Pakistan now is at its lowest since

2006.

Notwithstanding these efforts, terrorism continues to pose a challenge. Its nature however, has changed. The threat that we face

today is primarily supported and financed from outside our borders. We are confident that we will be able to defeat these forces too.

Mr. Chairman,

Global terrorism continues to pose a clear and present danger.

The United Nations is uniquely positioned to assist member states in developing their domestic counter terrorism capacities. In this context, we welcome Secretary General Antonio Guterres's reform initiative and the creation of the new Office of Counter Terrorism. We also welcome Vladimir Voronkov as the USG to head this new office. Pakistan will extend all possible support to this office in implementation of its mandate.

progress, it remains important that we do not delink terrorism from its political context, its transnational dimension and the geo-politics

linkage between the conditions which

ethnicity, value system or culture. We believe that, in the upcoming review of GCTS, we should also address defamation of religions and ~~manipulation of communities as they incite~~

Mr. Chairman,

Pakistan fully supports the OIC position on a consensus-based Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism (CCIT). The proposed Convention must be consistent with

International Humanitarian Law and clearly

Finally, Mr. Chairman, let me reiterate Pakistan's commitment to cooperate with the international community to work together to