

Statement on behalf of the European Union and its Member States

Mr./Madam Chair,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the European Union and its Member States.

The Candidate Countries Turkey, the Republic of North Macedonia , Montenegro , Serbia and Albania , the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova and Georgia, align themselves with this statement.

Let me begin by thanking you chair of the Sixth Committee. We very much appreciate your commitment to its work.

In order to fully respect the time constraints, I will read an abridged version of our statement the full statement has been submitted in writing.

The EU pursues a comprehensive approach to combating and preventing terrorism and violent extremism, in full compliance with the rule of law and with international law, in particular international human rights law, humanitarian law and international refugee law

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Key challenges demand further resolute action, [in particular:

- addressing the increase in home-grown *radicalisation* and anticipating the persistent threat posed by terrorist sleeper cells and lone actors of all forms of terrorism;
- adequately monitoring those individuals released and who, on the basis of a risk assessment, are deemed to pose a continued threat after serving terrorism-related sentences;
- adapting to the developments in *money-laundering and terrorism financing* and strengthening measures to prevent them;

Outside our borders, we know that the strength of our partners is our own strength. So we are working with countries in the Western Balkans, in the Middle East, North Africa, in the Sahel and the Horn of Africa, and also increasing our efforts in Central, South, and Southeast Asia to help build capacity, encourage mutual learning and find common areas of cooperation, including judicial cooperation. We hold regular Counter Terrorism Dialogues with key partners and have

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[As regards the resolution of the 6th