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Statement by H.E. Rabab Fatima, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations in New York on the agenda item no: 114 "Measures to eliminate international terrorism"

Mr. Chair,

I warmly congratulate you and other Bureau members on your election to the Bureau of this important Committee. My delegation aligns itself with the statements of Iran on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM); and by Saudi Arabia on behalf of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC). I thank the Secretary General

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has further compounded the challenge. The adoption of the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy in 2006 and the 2009 Prevention of Terrorism (PVE) were watershed achievements and have set new norms in the global fight against terrorism. Yet more needs to be done.

We call for a comprehensive implementation. We hope that the 7<sup>th</sup> biennial review of the strategy will resume soon in advancing global counter terrorism efforts.

Mr. Chair,

Bangladesh is a party to all international counter-terrorism instruments. We have also joined a number of related regional initiatives. At the national level, we have put in place comprehensive laws, namely, the Terrorism Act- 2009 and the Money Laundering Prevention Act 2009. Besides, we have been investing heavily in national capacity building including awareness-raising, community engagement and resilience, in a number of areas to combat terrorism. We are also in the process of drafting a national counter-terrorism strategy. We are also in the process of drafting a national counter-terrorism strategy. We are also in the process of drafting a national counter-terrorism strategy.

Mr. Chair,

Terrorism does not respect national borders. Therefore, we have to act together to eliminate the menace. I wish to make a few points in this regard:

First, the UN should lead and steer the global discourse and action on counter-terrorism in a more robust manner.

Second, we want to see definite progress in the work of concluding a Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism outlining the root causes of terrorism and specific measures to eliminate those. We welcome the establishment of a working group to finalize the process on the draft comprehensive convention.

Third, national capacity building and training of counter-terrorism personnel of the developing countries should remain high in the agenda of the UN to assist in the implementation of various obligations of the UN Global Counter Terrorism Strategy.

Fourth, seamless exchange of information and intelligence-sharing among nations remains most critical.

Fifth, women and children are disproportionately affected by terrorism. We have to pay special attention to integrate gender dimension in national and international campaigns against terrorism and violent extremism.

Sixth, in the Covid-19 situation, movement restrictions have increased the use of irregular transaction channels. Also, online based education is creating opportunities for youth to fall prey to online criminal activities including violent extremism. The pandemic might create diversion of resources and

