

Statement by Turkey at the Sixth Committee for the 75th Session of the General Assembly under agenda item 114: "Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism" (6 October 2020)

Mr. Chairman,

I would like to express our congratulations to you and other members of the Bureau on your election. You

For years, in close cooperation and coordination with their source countries, Turkey has been deporting thousands of foreign nationals with suspect of being a FTF. To date, Turkey deported more than 8.000 (8.072) foreign nationals suspected of being a FTF. Furthermore, we have included about a hundred thousand (99.070) foreign nationals who have proven connections with international terrorism in our **no-entry list database**.

We will continue to pursue a proactive approach in deporting FTFs and their families to their source countries. We will further encourage other countries to take back their own nationals. Turkey will also continue to support international efforts to keep repatriation of FTFs high on international agenda.

Mr Chairman,

Turkey has been at the forefront of countering terrorist organizations with a broad spectrum of ideologies, be it DAESH, Al-Qaida, PKK/YPG or FETÖ, for years.

2020 marked a year of success in Turkey's counter-terrorism efforts.

Our security operations curtailed their ability to plan and perpetrate acts of violence in Turkey and other countries.

Turkey has been contributing to the activities of international organizations and working groups aimed at enhancing international and regional cooperation in the field of counter-terrorism. Turkey is an active member of the Global Coalition Against DAESH and is co-chairing its Working Group on Foreign Terrorist Fighters.

Mr. Chairman,

Upholding human rights while countering terrorism and to ensure that all measures taken are consistent with our relevant international obligations is a must for the legitimacy of our efforts for countering terrorism.

We see the UN as the main platform for promoting a collective and coherent response against terrorism and violent extremism.

With this in mind, and with reference to emerging currents and trends in terrorism, we do support further development of the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy. We will continue to support to the implementation of the Strategy's "four pillars".

We are committed to contribute to advance the UN's efforts for robust international cooperation on countering terrorism.

We will continue to cooperate with and contribute to the work and capacity building efforts of the UNODC, UNOCT and UNCCT.

Mr. Chairman,

Turkey will continue to work with Member States on measures to eliminate international terrorism.

Thank you.