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Measures to eliminate international terrorism
Statement by Norway on behalf of the Nordic countries
To be delivered by First Secretary Ms Mirjam Bierling**

Thank you, Chair,

I have the honour to address the 6th Committee on behalf of the five Nordic countries: Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Sweden, and my own country Norway.

Terrorism and violent extremism constitute a serious transnational threat. The ideologies of terrorists and violent extremists pose a challenge to our shared values of

extremism and terrorism. The Group has promoted the integration of PVE across the UN system.

The Nordic countries will continue to support the work of the Secretary General, the UN Office of Counterterrorism and CTED, and the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact entities in their efforts to coordinate international efforts on countering and preventing terrorism and violent extremism.

M(r/s). Chair,

We need to maintain the momentum on prevention of terrorism and violent extremism. In this regard, we must take a whole of society and gender-responsive approach, where local communities, women, and youth play an important role. An inclusive political process helps create peaceful and stable communities, which in turn leads to better prevention of violent extremism.

Although the threat from terrorism is global, effective and sustainable solutions can often be found at the local level. We applaud civil society actors, community leaders,

territorial integrity or political independence of any State, incorporated in the UN Charter article 2(4), a peremptory norm of international law which all states are obliged to abide by.

We also condemn Russia's so-called annexation of four regions of Ukraine, allegedly on the basis of the results of "referendums" held in violation of international law. Annexation of these territories has no legitimacy, constitutes a flagrant violation of international law, and violates the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine. The Nordic countries call on all Member States of the United Nations to join us in the support of Ukraine's efforts to uphold its sovereignty and restore its territorial integrity, within its internationally recognised borders. It is our obligation under international law to do so.

I thank you.