



Mr. Chairperson,

Let me begin by congratulating you, as well as other members of the Bureau on your election to conduct the work of this committee and assure you of Lebanon's full cooperation. We express our gratitude to the members of the Codification division for their important work and support and we thank the Secretary-General for his report on this agenda item.

Lebanon aligns itself with the statements delivered by the Islamic Republic of Iran of behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement and Saudi Arabia on behalf of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation.

Mr. Chairperson,

Terrorism remains a relentless threat looming over the entire international community. Although its forms and content may vary, its reality is universal and its reach as well as its devastating impact is increasingly worrying.

Once again, our condemnation is unequivocal as well as our reiteration that in no way can terrorism be associated with a religion, nationality or ethnic group.

Barbaric acts of terrorism place an immense burden on individuals by stripping away their basic human rights. Moreover, terrorism instills in individuals a constant state of fear and is therefore an affront to our individual freedoms.

This shared affliction should propel us to continue our global cooperation, based on the four pillars of the Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, relevant security council resolutions and other international legal instruments.

We should redouble our efforts to solve the outstanding issues of the Draft Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism, by providing a legally unified definition of terrorism, which would help in our global and comprehensive response to it. A definition that needs to be consistent with international law, and would avoid conflation with, for instance, the legitimate right of the struggles of people under colonial and foreign occupation for national liberation and self-determination.

Mr. Chairperson,

Lebanon is a country bursting with religious, cultural and socio-economic diversity. The benefits brought about by this diversity are nevertheless constantly threatened by terrorist acts. Indeed, my country has long suffered from a multitude of these attacks. Lebanon's territorial sovereignty, peace, security and socio-economic stability have been scarred by such violent acts.

However, our national determination to prevent and counter terrorism as well as violent extremism conducive to it, illus

In this regard, the Special Investigation Commission of the Lebanese Central Bank has prioritized terrorism-financing cases. There has been a considerable rise in the number of terrorism-financing convictions issued by the relevant courts in Lebanon.

Furthermore, the Special Investigation Commission has been steadily conducting joint trainings on Terrorism Financing with the General Prosecutor's office and other relevant stakeholders. At