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STATEMENT

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Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

The Philippines expresses its full support for you and your Bureau. We also thank
~~the Secretary-General for his support~~

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But and this is a big but, when dealing with terrorism one must never err on the side of giving it the benefit of the doubt. If it talks like it; walks like it; and is armed like it; and invokes some grievance as its murderous motivation—you must take it out.

Like Sri Lanka, the Philippines has suffered terrorist attacks to our religious places

hundreds. ISIS claimed responsibility. Two days later came the bombing of a mosque. These episodes, together with the taking of Marawi, bespeak the transnational character of terrorism; confirming that this scourge is the most pressing threat to world peace and security. Terrorism is a global problem no country can tackle alone.

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to curb the fund-raising campaign of these groups, whose success rests mainly on how much funds they have.

To put a stop to terrorism requires the widest and most sincere cooperation

The global fight against terrorism but only by states that scorn the use of terrorism to