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Thank you, Mr. Chair,

The recent terrorist attack in Ankara confirms again that terrorism spans one. We express our condolences and stand in solidarity with the people of Türkiye and its government.

Albania condemns the strongest all forms and shapes of terrorism and violent extremism.

We share the view that the threat of , Al Qaida and affiliates to peace and security is high in conflict zones and continues to metastasize in different parts of the world. As the world is facing multiple challenges like ongoing conflicts, climate change, lack of accountability and rule of law, just to name a few of them, it becomes more difficult for law enforcement agencies to identify and tackle successfully terrorism and its main drivers.

Terrorist groups take advantage of the existing gaps within the international architecture and the international legal framework

We need a rule-based system, transparency and clear legal framework if we really want to eradicate terrorism once and for all. The absence of a common definition of extremism may lead to misinterpretations as it has been the case in several occasions.

The VI Committee has the responsibility to really engage and come up to an agreement on what constitutes terrorism. Albania is keen in supporting the negotiation process on this matter.

No one should be allowed to use the fight against terrorism as a pretext to violate human rights, repress civil society and neglect fundamental freedoms.

It is of paramount importance that all measures taken by must comply with international law, human rights law international humanitarian law and refugee law.

Colleagues,

Allow me to emphasize some points that in our view are important in fighting terrorism and violent extremism:

First Prevention. We must invest more in prevention implementing the Programs for Repatriation and Rehabilitation and by engaging with local communities, civil society and private sectors as in our view this is the best way to tackle all drivers of terrorism.

Second Accountability and justice. We have to make sure that perpetrators of terrorist acts, despite their motivations, must be

held accountable. Fair and due processes are important for justice to prevail.

Three Protection for victims of terrorism, in particular for women and children who suffer most. We must invest more in to help them regain their lives.

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