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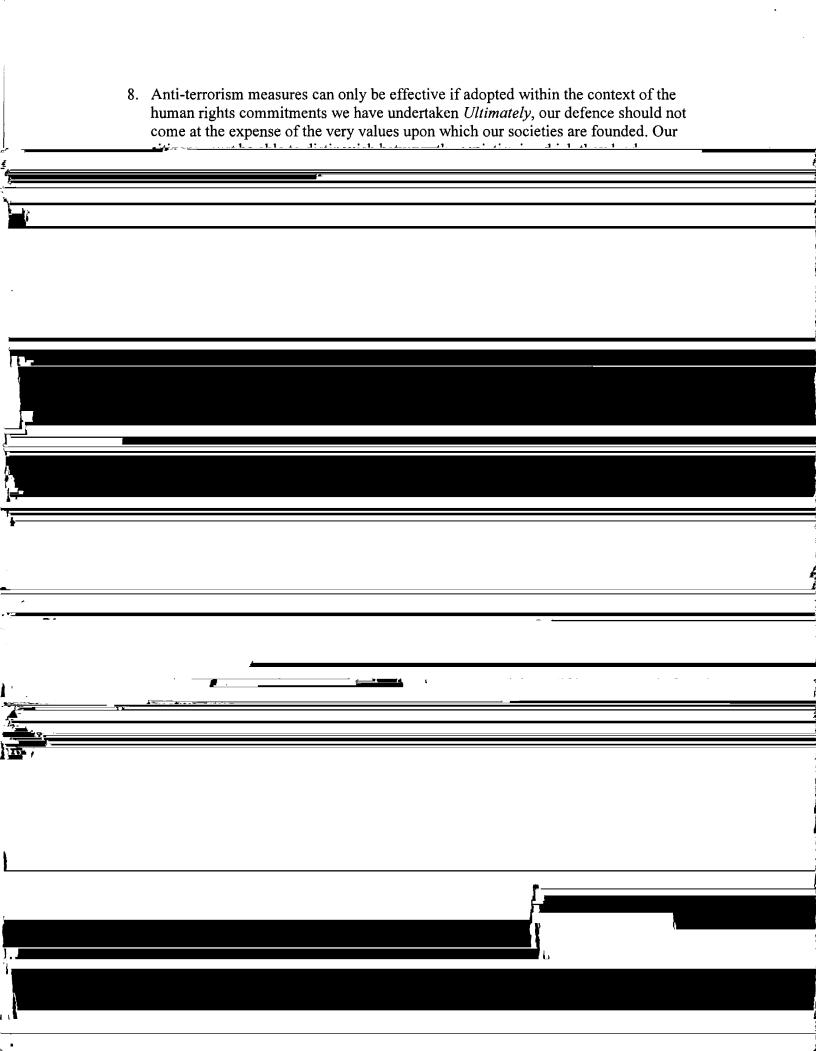
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS

61st SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

NEW YORK, 21 SEPTEMBER 2006

Madam President, distinguished delegates,

1. Five years after the destruction of the Twin Towers and just a few days after the commemoration of this terrible tragedy, I would like to extend my deepest sympathy to the people of this great city, which serves as mankind's meeting point. I spoke of freedom of expression and freedom of religion. Today I should like to revisit this theme. But: in addition I will discuss the relationship between fighting



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	effective implementation.
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	17. The new UNIFIL is an important symbol of hope. Peacekeepers of different religious
	and cultural backgrounds are working together under the skyblue banner of the United
	Nations. As they have been doing in the Great Lakes region in Africa and will
	hopefully soon be doing in Darfur, Sudan. I am proud of the fact that several member
	states of the European Union, together with Turkey, China and Indonesia, provide the
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