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Mr. Chair,

Terrorism violates human dignity and fundamental human rights and, by targeting civilians, it also threatens international security and sustainable development. The

their young ensnared by an ideology of death and destruction quite often also suffer the loss of desperately needed assistance.

Since the problem of terrorism transcends national and regional bodies, multilateral cooperation is essential, and the four pillars of the Global Counter Terrorism Strategy (GCTS) remain valid and relevant. The numerous international legal instruments relating to the prevention and suppression of international terrorism, both global and regional, underline the commitment of all the members of the international community to work together.<sup>3</sup> My Delegation congratulates the organizers of the Virtual Counter-Terrorism Week in July for having kept this topic at the forefront of international discussion despite the current pandemic. The increased attention given to cyberterrorism and the misuse of digital technology by terrorists is also a most welcome development.

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