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Madam Chair,

My Delegation congratulates you and members of the Bureau on your election. I take this opportunity to assure you of our support during the proceedings. We thank the Secretary General for his Report in document A-76/201.

2. Terrorism continues to persist globally, spreading into new areas, with terrorists having significantly enhanced their capabilities by gaining access to new and emerging technologies like drones, virtual currencies and encrypted communications for furthering

havens to terrorists. We must enhance capacities of the former, but must collectively call out the latter and hold them accountable.

Madam Chair,

- 6. We believe that when right action is not taken at the right time, then it is time itself that causes the action to fail. In 1996, long before the adoption of Resolution 1373, the initiative to pilot the draft Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism with the objective of providing a comprehensive legal framework to combat terrorism was taken by India. We strongly urge States to unite in our efforts and end the stalemate preventing the adoption of a Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism.
- 7. We all need CCIT as law enforcement instrument that should strengthen the existing framework of global anti-terrorism conventions. India reiterates the need for early finalization of Draft CCIT We firmly believe that UN needs to do more in this direction.

condemn their Pavlovian response wherever the name of India is mentioned and reject all their allegations and insinuations. Jammu and Kashmir is, and will always be apart of India. We call on Pakistan to stop cleansing their own minorities including Hindus, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhist and others.

11. Let me conclude my statement with eight-point action plan for the UN system to credibly address the menace of terrorism suggested by our Minister for External Affairs

terrorism to be justified and terrorists glorified. (ii) Terrorists are terrorists; there are no good and bad ones. (iii) We must reform the working methods of the Committees dealing with Sanctions and Counter Terrorism. Transparency, accountability and effectiveness are the need of the day. (iv) We must firmly discourage exclusivist thinking that divides the world and harms our social fabric. Such approaches facilitate radicalization and recruitment by breeding fear, mistrust, and hatred among different communities. (v) Enlisting and delisting individuals and entities under the UN sanctions regimes must be done objectively, not for political or religious considerations. (vi) Linkages between terrorism and transnational organized crime must be fully recognized and addressed vigorously. (vii) In combating terrorist financing FATF should continue to identify and remedy weaknesses in anti-money laundering and counter-terror financing frameworks. (viii) Adequate funding to UN Counter Terrorism bodies from UN regular budget requires our immediate attention.

I thank you, Madam Chair.
