

## THE REPUBLIC OF SERBIA

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### S T A T E M E N T

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, as a candidate country for membership in the European Union, my delegation has aligned itself to the statement of the European Union. I shall, therefore, mainly focus on some points from the national perspective.

The problem of terrorism is complex and calls for coordination of activities and attention to all aspects of this global problem. As we speak of the suppression of terrorism, we must take into account all elements that help its emergence and spread - religious fanaticism, increased migration, social exclusion, especially of ethnic and religious minorities, uneven access to education and the lack of employment and economic opportunities. Also, we must keep sight of the sources of financing of terrorist groups, arms smuggling channels, clandestine recruitment centers and boot camps. Of particular concern is the phenomenon of foreign terrorist fighters, which, although present for a long time in many regions of the world, including the Western Balkans, especially during past crises, has gained prominence with its dramatic escalation in the Middle East. In this respect, we

Having in mind the complex character of the threat, we do not believe that military solutions are sufficient to suppress this urgent problem and that a multidimensional approach is needed. We consider that banning recruitment and transport of potential foreign terrorist fighters by way of adopting appropriate