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In the name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful

Mr. Chairman,

At the outset, I would like to join the previous speakers in congratulating you and the members of the bureau on your deserving elections. Our felicitations also go to Mr. Voronkov for assuming the leadership of the newly established Office of Counter-Terrorism. We do hope that the UNCT architecture will improve in a way that not only ensures enhanced coordination

“terrorism” provide a safe haven for terrorist groups and their affiliates to freely grow, recruit and perpetrate unspeakable atrocities.

Another longstanding issue to examine is the endemic and age-old problem of foreign invasion and occupation, and what it has brought in its wake. The current state of

occupation of Palestine is the most pressing. This has been further compounded by the systematic political and military interventions in order to preserve, perpetuate, and create their

Indeed, misperceptions and erroneous assumptions may temporarily defuse domestic anxieties. They do not, however, help in the actual resolution of global crises. Such reprehensible approaches could only undermine international trust and cooperation in

clerics and scholars in promotion of mutual understanding and harmonious coexistence among

diverse denominations and social groups by denouncing narratives and ideologies that engender hatred and intolerance.

Mr. Chairman,

On 7 June 2017 the cowardly terrorists affiliated with ISIS carried out twin terrorist attacks