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STATEMENT

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Thank you, Madam Chair.

The Philippines expresses its full support for you and your Bureau. We align with the statements of Iran on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement and of Cambodia on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

Madam Chair,

Last year, we discussed how the pandemic has aggravated the challenges in addressing international terrorism. A year later, and more than a year of living through this pandemic, we see glimmers of hope. Indeed, the Secretary General's Report (A/76/201), gives us a sense that despite the setbacks, states have taken steps forward, in line with Paragraph 10 of the Declaration on Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism.

We thank the Secretary General for including in the Report the Philippines' submission on the passage of the Anti-Terrorism Act of 2020. We presented elements of this new law before the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) Counter-Terrorism Committee (CTC) and the Counter Terrorism Executive Directorate (CTED), highlighting that the law is consistent with our commitments under the relevant Security Council Resolutions and CTED's recommendations.

The law penalizes foreign terrorists who travel to a State other than their State of residence or nationality and those who facilitate travel for terrorism purposes, and mandates the automatic adoption and designation of terrorists included in the Security Council sanctions lists. The law also ensures that humanitarian activities are not unduly affected by counter-terrorism measures.

Madame Chair,

Strengthening our legal framework is just one among the many steps we have taken in the whole-of-nation approach to prevent and suppress international terrorism. We also exert efforts to counter terrorism financing, enhance law enforcement and border control, secure and protect cyberspace, with due respect to human rights.

