



## **Madam Chair**

Thank you for affording my delegation the floor. At the outset, I would like to congratulate you and the members of the bureau on your deserving election. Allow me to assure you of my G H O H J Cooperation and support throughout the work of the Committee. South Africa associates itself with the statement delivered by the distinguished representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran, on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement and the Representative of Ghana on behalf of the

as sustainable development and prosperity for all. The strengthening of the international legal architecture, the rule of law and the criminal justice system comprises the basis of our common approach to counter terrorism. In this context the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms for all is essential to all components of the Strategy and this approach is complementary and reinforcing.

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The interaction of international counter-terrorism laws with International Humanitarian Law

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At the national level, we have put in place awareness raising programs to familiarize government and civil society with the UN Strategy and has continued to work on the implementation of the four pillars. South Africa has adopted its own National Counter-Terrorism Strategy. Our National Strategy provides a comprehensive and proportionate response to the threat of international terrorism and extremism, taking into account both local and international best practice, while upholding human rights and the rule of law. The South African counter-terrorism strategy consists of the following five pillars that are expressed as objectives with each containing a set of key priorities to be addressed: (1) to understand the phenomenon of international terrorism and domestic extremism; (2) to prevent new recruits from joining terrorist groups and perpetrating terrorist attacks; (3) to mitigate against such threats and better protect potential targets; (4) to pursue and investigate members of existing networks (combat); (5) to improve South Africa's capability to respond to and manage the consequences of terrorist attacks.

**I thank you for your attention.**