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Measures to eliminate international terrorism**Letter dated 7 May 2018 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the
Permanent Mission of Tajikistan to the United Nations addressed
to the Secretary-General**

I have the honour to submit herewith the Dushanbe Declaration, adopted by the high-level international conference on countering terrorism and preventing violent extremism held in Dushanbe on 3 and 4 May 2018 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would circulate the present letter and its annex as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 109.

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**Annex to the letter dated 7 May 2018 from the Chargé d'affaires
a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Tajikistan to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General**

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Dushanbe Declaration

On 3 and 4 May 2018, the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, in cooperation with the United Nations, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) and the European Union, and with the support of the State of Qatar, organized a high-level international conference on counter-terrorism and the prevention of violent extremism.

Participants in the conference, including Ministers for Foreign Affairs, heads of delegations, and representatives of regional and international organizations, civil society, scientific and research institutions and diplomatic missions accredited in Tajikistan, signed the following Declaration:

We, the States represented at this high-level international conference on counter-terrorism and the prevention of violent extremism,

Noting with great concern and alarm the growing threat created by terrorism and extremism worldwide,

Emphasizing that terrorism can be defeated only by increasing international solidarity and cooperation and by a sustained and comprehensive approach involving all States and relevant international and regional organizations,

Recognizing the central and coordinating role of the United Nations in fostering international cooperation and supporting Member States, which are primarily responsible for implementing the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy through a balanced and integrated approach based on four pillars, with a view to preventing and suppressing terrorism in all its forms and manifestations; but also taking note of the Secretary-General's Plan of Action to Prevent Violent Extremism of 2016,

Confirming the principles and norms enshrined in international law, the Charter of the United Nations and the relevant resolutions of the Security Council and the General Assembly,

Reiterating the need to respect the norms of relevant international law, including international human rights law, with respect to counter-terrorism,

Emphasizing the need to address, in a balanced way, all internal and external conditions that are conducive to the spread of terrorism and extremism, while recognizing that none of these conditions can excuse or justify terrorist acts,

Taking into account the work of OSCE to assist its participating States and Partners for Cooperation in counter-terrorism matters and the prevention of violent extremism through effective human-rights-compliant approaches, as reflected in the corresponding OSCE documents, including the OSCE Consolidated Framework for the Fight against Terrorism and the relevant decisions and declarations of the OSCE Ministerial Council,

Recognizing efforts made in this field by the relevant international and regional organizations, such as the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, the European Union, the Collective Security Treaty Organization and the Commonwealth of Independent States,

Emphasizing the significant efforts made by central Asian States to share information and experiences regarding all aspects of countering terrorism and violent extremism at the regional and international levels, as well as their aspiration to develop joint measures and strategies in this regard,

Encouraging stronger collective efforts to prevent recruitment and training, and also the planning, facilitation and financing of terrorist acts,

1. *Consider* it important to consolidate platforms for discussion and action at the regional and international level in order to ensure greater coordination of the international community's efforts to counter terrorism and prevent violent extremism;

2. *Encourage* unity in the pursuit of this objective, through coordination, cooperation and joint activities among States Members of the United Nations and also international and regional organizations, to counter terrorism and prevent violent extremism;

3. *Recognize* that terrorist and violent extremist groups exploit deep-rooted grievances in situations of prolonged and unresolved conflicts and that the settlement of these conflicts therefore requires sustained efforts;

4. *Confirm* our commitment to the implementation of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy at the national and regional levels through an integrated and balanced approach, including by developing regional action plans, while ensuring national responsibility and the right to ownership. In that respect, we recall the Joint Plan of Action for the Implementation of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy in Central Asia of 30 November 2011 as the first regional framework for multilateral, integrated and balanced implementation of the Strategy;

5. *Reaffirm* our commitment to implementing the relevant Security Council resolutions on combating terrorism and violent extremism, including resolutions [1267 \(1999\)](#), [1373 \(2001\)](#), [1624 \(2005\)](#), [2178 \(2014\)](#), [2242 \(2015\)](#), [2354 \(2017\)](#) and [2396 \(2017\)](#) and the recommendations of the Counter-Terrorism Committee agreed upon by participating Governments during the Committee's assessment visits;

6. *Consider* it necessary to prevent and prohibit the access of terrorists to any financial, technical or logistical support or channels;

7. *Reaffirm* our commitment to implementing the comprehensive international standards on terrorist financing and money-laundering, as enshrined in the Forty Recommendations of the Financial Action Task Force on Money Laundering;

8. *Consider* it important to step up cooperation and coordination in areas such as the sharing of relevant information, border security, legal cooperation and the sharing of best practices, including with mechanisms of the International Criminal Police Organization to combat the activities of terrorist groups, as well as foreign terrorist fighters, persons affiliated to them and their sponsors, and also to pool efforts to address any linkages between terrorism and transnational organized crime, within the scope of applicable legal norms;

9. *Support* the adoption and implementation of measures designed to prevent violent extremism and radicalization to terrorism, especially among young people and, in close cooperation with civil society, to promote the development of an integrated, society-wide approach;

10. *Emphasize* the need for Central Asian States and other countries to prioritize preventive measures in the form of education, the creation of opportunities for the next generation, the building of a comprehensive and inclusive system of

governance and the promotion of tolerance, respect and peace as common values, which are crucial and meaningful measures for the prevention of violent extremism;

11. *Emphasize* that effective and gender-sensitive policy implementation is a crucial element in the prevention of violent extremism and radicalization to terrorism. This includes the empowerment of women as agents of change to build community resilience, and also to combat discrimination against women in society and broaden efforts to promote gender equality;

12. *Call for* a responsible approach by all forms of mass media, and compliance with the highest professional standards of journalism as regards accountability for violent extremist and terrorist threats and acts, in accordance with international human rights law concerning the right of freedom of expression and the mass media;

13. *Emphasize* the importance of developing and implementing comprehensive strategies to counter the use of the Internet for terrorist purposes at the national, regional and international levels, with due respect for human rights and basic principles;

14. *Reaffirm* our readiness to continue to share information, the findings of scientific research and best practices, with the aim of countering terrorist and violent extremist ideologies;

15. *Express* our gratitude to the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan for the excellent organization of this high-level international conference and its warm hospitality, as well as our appreciation to the State of Qatar for its generous support in organizing this event;

16. *Request* the Republic of Tajikistan to submit this Declaration for circulation to all Member States of the United Nations as a document of the General Assembly.
