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REQUEST FOR THE INCLUSION OF AN ADDITIONAL ITEM IN THE
AGENDA OF THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SESSION

MEASURES TO PREVENT TERRORISM AND OTHER FORMS OF
VIOLENCE WHICH ENDANGER OR TAKE INNOCENT HUMAN
LIVES OR JEOPARDIZE FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS

Note by the Secretary-General

1. Under rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General has the honour to request the inclusion in the agenda of the twenty-seventh session of an item entitled "Measures to prevent terrorism and other forms of violence which endanger or take innocent human lives or jeopardize fundamental freedoms".
2. In accordance with rule 20 of the rules of procedure, an explanatory memorandum is attached.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. The world has been plagued, on an increasing scale, by acts of terrorism which have taken the lives not only of national leaders and diplomatic envoys, but also other human beings whose only offence lay in their race, religion or national origin, and even innocent bystanders. These acts of violence have created throughout the world a climate of fear from which no one is immune.

2. Like many others, the Secretary-General has worked diligently in the attempt to avoid many of these tragic events, and he as well as his predecessors have repeatedly urged that all concerned turn away from senseless and destructive violence. They have also made persistent efforts to find solutions for the problems underlying such acts of terrorism and have called on the world community to exert its utmost influence in seeking peaceful ways to resolve them.

3. The Secretary-General considers that the current trend towards terrorism and senseless violence is so alarming and has such grave implications that it should be considered by the General Assembly, with the hope that agreed measures can be found which will help to reverse this trend and prevent such tragedies in the future.

4. In the light of the foregoing, the Secretary-General has the honour to request the inclusion in the agenda of the twenty-seventh session, as an additional item of an important and urgent character, of an item entitled "Measures to prevent terrorism and other forms of violence which endanger or take innocent human lives or jeopardize fundamental freedoms".
