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**Promotion and protection of all human rights, civil,
political, economic, social and cultural rights,
including the right to development**

Protecting human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism

Note by the Secretariat*

In its resolution 72/180, the General Assembly reaffirmed that States must ensure that any measure taken to combat terrorism complies with their obligations under international law, in particular human rights, refugee and humanitarian law, and urged States, while countering terrorism, to fully comply with their obligations under international law. In its resolution 73/174, the Assembly strongly condemned all terrorist acts as criminal and unjustifiable, and expressed grave concern at their detrimental effects on the enjoyment of all human rights. In the former resolution, it requested the Secretary-General to submit a report to the Assembly at its seventy-fourth session on the implementation of resolution 72/180, and in the latter, it requested him to consider also reporting, in that report, on the implementation of resolution 73/174. In that regard, the Secretariat has the honour to refer the Human Rights Council to the report of the Secretary-General on protecting human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism (A/74/270), submitted to the Assembly pursuant to those requests.

* The present document was submitted after the deadline in order to reflect the most recent developments.

