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Madam Chair,

At the outset, I would like to congratulate you and other members of the Bureau on your election.

Terrorism and related criminal activities continue to pose a serious threat to international peace and security, to the enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms and to the sovereignty, territorial integrity and the social and economic development of Member States.

Terrorism is often motivated by intolerance, extremism, violent separatism, hate-fuelled ideas and racist ideology and accompanied with extensive disinformation campaigns in media and social networks.

Terrorists also benefit from transnational organized crime, including from the illicit trafficking of arms, persons, drugs, cultural property, illicit exploitation of and trade in natural resources, and from the abuse of non-governmental, non-profit and charitable organizations.

Terrorist acts committed in the context of armed conflict may amount to war crimes or crimes against humanity, thus entailing individual criminal responsibility and giving rise to measures that States are entitled to take at the national level to assert criminal jurisdiction over crimes perpetrated by their nationals overseas, as well as to international cooperation in criminal matters, with mutual legal assistance as its essential component.

We are of the strong view that no amnesty or any other form of early release can be granted for perpetrators of terrorist acts. Equally, the instances of shielding and glorification of terrorists cannot be tolerated.

We look forward to the effective implementation of the General Assembly resolution on the seventh review of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, as a matter of priority, in good faith and through genuine international cooperation, partnership and solidarity.

Madam Chair,

We categorically reject as false and irresponsible the information submitted by Armenia for the report of the Secretary-General A/76/201 and contained in paragraphs 8 and 9 of that report, as well as the statement delivered yesterday by the delegation of Armenia under this agenda item.

The purpose of Armenia's fabrications is evidently to mislead the international community, conceal own terrorist and related offenses and justify heavy losses inflicted on its armed forces and terrorist and mercenary formations on the battlefield. Such fabrications are particularly outrageous as they insult the memory of thousands of Azerbaijani military personnel and civilians who sacrificed their lives for the liberation of their homeland from aggressors and terrorists.

Armenia has a longstanding track record of supporting terrorism at the State level. Since the end of the 1980s, as a means of realizing its groundless and unlawful territorial claims and as a method of warfare, Armenia and various Armenian terrorist organizations perpetrated numerous terrorist attacks against Azerbaijan, which claimed the lives of thousands of citizens of my country.

Moreover, the formerly occupied territories of Azerbaijan were a graphic example of heavy militarization and interpenetration of Armenian occupying forces with international terrorism and organized crime.

The evidence collected before and throughout the hostilities in September-November last year clearly testifies to the recruitment by Armenia of foreign terrorist fighters and mercenaries from Europe, Middle East and North America. Among other means, civil aviation was used for transferring them as well as various types of armament to the conflict zone, in violation of international law.

Armenian diaspora operating under the disguise of charity and non-governmental organizations was engaged in facilitating the recruitment and transfer process, as well as in raising funds and collecting other material means to finance terrorist activities and support the aggression against Azerbaijan.

The 44-day war last fall resulted in the liberation of the territories of Azerbaijan from nearly thirty years of occupation. A number of foreign nationals were called to account for participation in terrorist and mercenary activities against Azerbaijan.

Furthermore, after the formal cessation of all military activities on 10 November 2020, Armenia deployed a sabotage group to the territory of Azerbaijan for terrorist purposes. A series of attacks carried out by that group caused casualties among the Azerbaijani servicemen and civilians. As a result of the counter terrorist operation jointly conducted by the State Security Service and the Ministry of Defence of Azerbaijan, the members of that group were apprehended and brought to justice, in full conformity with the national legislation and international law.

Azerbaijan is determined to continue taking all necessary measures with a view to curbing terrorist activities within its internationally recognized territory and prosecuting and punishing terrorism offenders.

Thank you.