

**Intervention by the Permanent Representative of Tajikistan  
H.E. Mr. Mahmamin Mahmaminov at the Formal  
Plenary debate on SG's Plan of Action to Prevent Violent  
Extremism**

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*Thank you, Mr. Chairperson,  
Distinguished Colleagues,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,*

Terrorism is a complex social and political phenomenon, multifaceted and diverse in its manifestations.

The increasing scope of international terrorism, especially in such forms as acts of terrorism, religious extremism, nationalistic (separatist) terrorism, poses a real threat to the security not only of individual countries but to the entire world community.

The recent sad events in Paris and Bamako, as well as other acts of terrorism, with tragic regularity occurring in certain

countries, including seizure of the city of Kunduz in Afghanistan, terrorist attacks in Ankara and Beirut, explosions in mosques in Yemen and Pakistan, explosion of the Russian aircraft over Sinai and many other tragic events force us to unite our efforts in the face of common threat, the international terrorism.

Today, the international community, more than ever before, needs to work closely to develop constructive approaches to addressing the above issues in order to prevent such acts of barbarism in our homes.

We all know that currently the international terrorist organizations in the Middle East and North Africa have been gradually building up their capacity, consistently strengthening ties with radical organizations, which operate on the territory of CIS countries. Terrorism and extremism have become serious global threats that caused destruction, killings and mass exodus of people. All these occurrences and events, is a vivid proof to the fact that number of challenges of the century and new threats to human civilization constantly increases causing serious danger to the security of both small and large countries of the world and even to the destiny of all humanity.

These events have once again proved that, on the one hand, terrorism and extremism are serious global threats called “plague of century”. On another hand their impact shows that a terrorist does not have a motherland, nationality or religion, a terrorist is a threat to the world community and lives of all residents of the Planet.

This outrageous phenomenon has nothing to do with a religion, particularly, with the true religion of Islam, and acts of terror are committed by the enemies of this holy religion which usually affects the Islamic countries and entire Muslim World.

Therefore, Tajikistan categorically and resolutely condemns international terrorism in all its forms, and manifestations, which constitutes a key challenge to global security. It supports the consolidation of efforts of the international community in this area at global, regional and national levels. In this regard, Tajikistan supports the UN Security Council resolutions as a legal basis for international cooperation in countering terrorism.

**Dear colleagues,**

It is the actions at the local, national and regional levels that will have the most impact in the combating terrorism and extremism.

To that end, the Government of Tajikistan, taking into consideration the seriousness of terrorist threats to the security and stability, social and economic development of the country has taken decisive and comprehensive measures to prevent and combat terrorism and to eradicate the factors that give rise to terrorism and contribute to its spread.

The relevant law enforcement and public agencies of Tajikistan have been given an assignment to develop a National Strategy of Tajikistan on Countering Terrorism and Extremism for the period of 2016-2020. Furthermore, they are working on a proposal to establish a Centre for fighting against IT crimes and cyber terrorism.

We strongly believe that in this struggle, the central role should belong to the United Nations, in particular, to the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, which is a unique tool for the intensification of efforts to combat terrorism at the national, regional and international levels. The efforts should be focused on elimination of military infrastructure of international

terrorism and blockade of the channels of its political, military and financial support, prevention of use of Internet for radicalization of moods, for recruiting and propaganda of extremism and violence.

Expansion of the cooperation between the UN CTC and regional organizations, including OSCE, SCO, CSTO and CIS on the above-mentioned issues will be also instrumental and timely in this process.

Given the above, my delegation finds the *Report of the Secretary General on Plan of Action to prevent violent extremism*, which calls for concerted efforts to counter violent extremism, and to broaden our responses, engage earlier and address the drivers of violent extremism as a very useful tool/guidance for Member States to work on further addressing such negative phenomena, as terrorism and extremism. In particular, its recommendations, which call upon member states to develop national and regional plans of actions for preventing violent extremism, mobilizing resources, strengthening trust between government institutions and communities, calling for a dialogue, engaging with communities, empowering youth and women, developing skills and employment facilities, investing in education and etc.

Tajikistan as a country that experienced firsthand acts of terror on its own territory would like to emphasize its willingness to engage with international community in the fight against this phenomena, and invites all other stakeholders to work together, in order to develop constructive approaches towards tackling this problem.

I thank you for your attention!