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Mr Chairman.

Uruguay wishes to express its strongest condemnation against terrorism and its determination to combat this terrible scourge within the rule of law, the observance of human rights and of humanitarian law, and with all the means in reach, in particular the multilateral action.

At the national and international levels, Uruguay has taken concrete steps to make effective its participation in this fight, which should be of all of us, against this serious crime. Thus, Uruguay is party to the twelve international conventions and protocols specifically drafted against terrorist acts, and was one of the subscribers of the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism, within the Focus 2005: responding to global challenges, held by the legal department of the UN in this venue.

My country has already introduced four reports before the Security Council's Committee against terrorism, created by Resolution 1373 (2001) and its first report before the Committee created by resolution 1540 (2004).

At the regional and sub regional levels, Uruguay actively participates in the activities undertaken in this field, both through Mercosur, in which domain there is already a working group to coordinate actions, and through the OAS, where some important advances have already taken place in the fight against terrorism.

We share with the Secretary General his concern to promote a global strategy of an integral nature against terrorism, which may not lose sight of the root causes of such scourge and based upon international law.

We are grateful for the reports A/60/164 and 228 from 2005 and for the task undertaken by the UN office against drugs and crime and we hope that its efforts may contribute to alleviate the task of the States in fulfilling the obligations imposed by the resolutions of the General Assembly and the Security Council towards providing an effective response to the threat of international terrorism.

These are the reasons why we identify with the prevailing feeling when we adopted the outcome document and in particular with the need to end as soon as possible the ongoing negotiations towards a broad convention on terrorism, which –we are convinced- will be a main element in our fight against this complex and devastating evil.

Mr Chairman

We believe that we are in the right direction. We have been able to come up with a good diagnosis and we have outlined effective measures to defend ourselves from indiscriminate attacks, of which the whole world is a victim. However, we still have a hard task ahead: implementing all mechanisms and provisions that we already have at hand. That is why once again, multilateralism, in which Uruguay strongly believes, becomes essential.

Thank you.