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Joint Explication of Position / Vote

Terrorism and Human Rights

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Mr. Chair,

I have the honour to deliver this explanation of position / vote on behalf of Australia, Canada, Iceland, Liechtenstein, New Zealand, Norway, and my own country, Switzerland.

We thank Egypt and Mexico for presenting this resolution.

Generally, we support efforts to streamline resolutions and avoid duplications on similar topics at the Third Committee – even more so in the context of the UN80 reform. However, such measures should never be taken to the detriment of the promotion and protection of human rights.

While we support this resolution, we are concerned that, following the merger of the two resolutions, its focus has shifted away from States' responsibility to respect human rights toward abuses committed by non-state actors, such as terrorists.

Global trends show that States increasingly violate and restrict human rights and fundamental freedoms in the context of countering terrorism or under the pretext of ensuring security and political stability.

We therefore reiterate our call for updated language in future resolutions that addresses the importance of States' responsibility and commitment to fully respect international human rights law, international humanitarian law and international refugee law in all their counter-terrorism efforts.

To conclude, we support the work of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights while countering terrorism and call upon all States to cooperate with the mandate.

Effective counterterrorism and human rights protection are not opposing goals – they are mutually reinforcing. Upholding human rights is not a luxury in times of crisis, it is a strategic necessity for lasting peace and security.

Thank you.