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Mr. Chair person ,

We join others in congratulating you and the members of the Board on your election and wish you every success in stewardship of the work of the 6<sup>th</sup> committee during this session. You and members of your Bureau can count on our delegation's full cooperation throughout the work of the committee.

Kazakhstan aligns itself with the statement delivered by the delegation of Saudi Arabia on behalf of the OIC.

Mr. Chair person ,

Terrorism continues to pose a grave threat to international peace and security. Terrorist organizations and their affiliates continue to adapt their tactics and methods, including using modern means of communication, such as the

Kazakhstan is proud to be the first donor to the third phase of the Joint Plan of Action for implementing the Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy in Central Asia.

Our country put forward a proposal to adopt the Code of Conduct towards Achieving a World Free of Terrorism. This political declaration was officially launched on 28 September 2018 at a High-level Special Event, organized on the margins of the high-tmistberment. ( of)7.4 ( 27.4 16.7.5 (fW5 (2

and organizational frameworks for identifying and combating religious extremism and terrorism.

As part of our efforts to counter radicalism, extremism and hate, Kazakhstan initiated and has successfully convened six Congresses of Leaders of World and Traditional Religions, together with political leaders and other organizations, in the capital of Kazakhstan. The Congress has become “a hallmark” of contemporary Kazakhstan, changing the paradigm of state development from the model of conflict and clash of civilizations, cultures and religions to a unique model of tolerance and harmony.

To support global measures, Kazakhstan is also making every effort to combat covert methods used by terrorists, such as the use of the Internet, its dark web and encryption. Our country is developing the its own national system to counter terrorism on the Internet, through its programme entitled, "Cyber Shield of Kazakhstan" and invites interested Member States and international and regional organizations to cooperate in this field.

Mr. Chair person ,

Kazakhstan has had the unique experience of successfully bringing home safely from Syria a total 595 Kazakh citizens, including over 400 children (of which 31 are orphans). This innovative operation, called “Zhusan”, was possible only because of very close international cooperation which was executed in four phases from January to June 2019. Its objectives was to save the country’s citizens, who had been led to the crisis-hit country under false pretense and were thus entrapped in armed conflict. Those returning undergo a rehabilitation programme of reintegration back into society, and we already see positive results. Several women from the first batch have secured jobs and are currently working. Children are joined with their relatives and go to public schools. It is still a work in progress but is beginning to bear the fruit. Many of these women are our partners and assisting in awareness raising efforts to prevent further recruitment.

Today, Kazakhstan is one of the few countries in the world that carries out such humanitarian actions and ready to share its experience.

To conclude, Kazakhstan stands ready to intensify cooperation to counter terrorism in Central Asia and globally.