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Measures to eliminate international terrorism**

**Statement by
Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden**

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M(r/s). Chair,

I have the honor to address the Sixth Committee on behalf of the five Nordic countries:

us that terrorism isn't stopped by borders nor linked to any specific ideology. Working against all forms of violent extremism, including violent right wing extremism, is critical. Ideologies of intolerance and violence pose a threat to our shared values of peace, security, human rights and the rule of law.

M(r/s). Chair,

The threat of terrorism and violent extremism affects us all and requires a global response.

It is our view that an agreed international definition of terrorism would enhance the international community's ability to combat terrorism, while fully upholding international law. It would also enable stronger international cooperation in the field of counterterrorism. The Nordic countries therefore support the work related to the Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism and encourage all member states to make the necessary efforts to reach an agreement.

M(r/s). Chair,

The Nordic countries have major importance to preventing violent extremism in all its forms. We are all members of the Group of Friends Preventing Violent Extremism.

M(r/s). Chair,

Youth is not the future, it is the present! They play a key role in preventing violent

crucial for the effectiveness and legitimacy of the counter terrorism efforts pursued through the Security Council sanctions system. It is therefore of great importance to the Nordic countries to ensure that the Office of the Ombudsperson has the necessary capacity to carry out its mandate in an independent, effective and timely manner.

I thank you.