

Draft motion condemning terrorist attacks and terrorism

Terrorist acts constitute crimes against humanity. They are barbaric and cowardly acts, whose aim is to strike terror among the populace by using force against innocent people and murdering human beings in the guise of defending causes or ideals.

It is important to note that terrorism has no identity, no motherland, no religion.

Religions are innocent of terrorism, violence, murder, obscenity and vulgarity. We cannot accept such barbarity in the name of our religions, and we firmly condemn all the terrorist acts that have recently struck a few countries, their authors and those who support them. We are convinced that obscurantism and terror will not defeat the ideals of peace and tolerance that our countries have shared over the centuries.

We are fully aware of the seriousness of the terrorist threat and of the danger it represents for our societies, and we confirm that the regions the world over stand in solidarity against any threat and the danger of terrorism.

In the face of such crimes that have multiplied in the last years, of the challenges and serious consequences for our countries, we must:

- show lucidity and solidarity, and act as a common front against barbarism and fight against all ideologies preaching violence, inciting hatred and lending legitimacy to terrorist crimes;
- promote education and citizen participation to eliminate the conditions that favour the proliferation of extremist thinking;
- reinforce the coordination with all countries by means of information exchange, training, and sensitisation programs.

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