

G7 Foreign Ministers' Statement on Countering Terrorism and Violent Extremism

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We, the Foreign Ministers of Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom, the United States and the High Representative of the European Union reiterate our strong condemnation of continuing acts of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations. We express our deepest sympathy and condolences to the families of the victims and the governments of those affected.

In the face of increasing radicalization to violence in the world, we stress again that countering terrorism and violent extremism and bringing perpetrators to justice remain top priorities for the international community. Recognizing that the attacks, atrocities, and abuses of human rights targeting civilians and other victims perpetrated by ISIL/Da'esh, Al Qaeda and other terrorist organizations pose serious threats to international peace and security, we reaffirm the importance of international counter-terrorism efforts by the United Nations, the Global Counterterrorism Forum (GCTF), and other international fora, particularly the Global Coalition to Counter ISIL. In this regard, we welcome the global campaign to bring ISIL/Da'esh and its followers to justice, launched by the UK, Iraq and Belgium this week. Recognizing the serious threat to international peace and security posed by the continued targeting of civil aviation, we look forward to the adoption of a UN Security Council resolution on Aviation Security. We reaffirm the importance of all States enacting robust, sustained and verifiable measures to counter this threat, and acknowledge the role of the ICAO in leading the global effort to address this. We also share grave concern over the acute threat posed by foreign terrorist fighters (FTFs), including returning FTFs, and ISIL-Da'esh-inspired home-grown terrorists, and reconfirm our determination to work together to prevent their terrorist activities, as well as to work together to counter the financing terrorism.

We stress that the G7, bound together by our common values and principles, can play a leading role in promoting counterterrorism measures in cooperation with the international community in a manner fully compliant with international humanitarian law and international human rights obligations.

We reaffirm our commitment to promoting peaceful co-existence, respect for diversity, tolerance and inclusive dialogue as fundamental to preventing the emergence and spread of violent extremism, in all its forms. In this context, we welcome the UN Secretary General's Plan of Action to Prevent Violent Extremism, call for swift implementation of its recommendations and support strong UN leadership and organizational arrangements to deliver a genuinely all-of-UN approach.

Standing united in our efforts to counter terrorism and violent extremism, we reiterate our determination to fully implement the G7 Action Plan on Countering Terrorism and Violent Extremism adopted at the G7 Ise-Shima Summit in May, in order to urgently bring about a more effective response by the international community.