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General and complete disarmament: measures to prevent terrorists from acquiring weapons of mass destruction

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Measures to prevent terrorists from acquiring weapons of mass destruction

The General Assembly,
Recalling its resolution 73/55 of 5 December 2018,
Recognizing the determination of the international community to combat terrorism, as evidenced in relevant General Assembly and Security Council resolutions,
Deeply concerned by the growing risk of linkages between terrorism and weapons of mass destruction, and in particular by the fact that terrorists may seek to acquire weapons of mass destruction,
Cognizant of the steps taken by States to implement Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) of 28 April 2004 on the non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction,
Taking note of Security Council resolution 2325 (2016) of 15 December 2016 on the non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction,
Welcoming the entry into force on 7 July 2007 of the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism,¹

Welcoming also the adoption, by consensus, of amendments to strengthen the
Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material\(^2\) by the International
Atomic Energy Agency on 8 July 2005, and their entry into force on 8 May 2016,

Noting the support expressed in the Final Document of the Seventeenth
Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held on
Margaret Island, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, from 13 to 18 September 2016,
for measures to prevent terrorists from acquiring weapons of mass destruction,

Noting also that the Group of Eight, the European Union, the Regional Forum
of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and others have taken into account in
their deliberations the dangers posed by the likely acquisition by terrorists of weapons
of mass destruction and the need for international cooperation in combating it, and
that the Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism has been launched jointly by
the Russian Federation and the United States of America,

Noting further the holding of the Nuclear Security Summit on 12 and 13 April
2010 in Washington, D.C., on 26 and 27 March 2012 in Seoul, on 24 and 25 March
2014 in The Hague and on 31 March and 1 April 2016 in Washington, D.C.,

Noting the holding of the high-level meeting on countering nuclear terrorism,
with a focus on strengthening the legal framework, in New York on 28 September
2012,

Acknowledging the consideration of issues relating to terrorism and weapons of
mass destruction by the Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters,\(^3\)

Taking note of the holding by the International Atomic Energy Agency of the
International Conference on Nuclear Security: Commitments and Actions, in Vienna
in December 2016, and the first International Conference on Nuclear Security:
Enhancing Global Efforts, in Vienna in July 2013, and the relevant resolutions
adopted by the General Conference of the Agency at its sixty-second regular session,

Taking note also of the Code of Conduct on the Safety and Security of
Radioactive Sources, approved by the Board of Governors of the International Atomic
Energy Agency on 8 September 2003, and the supplementary Guidance on the
Management of Disused Radioactive Sources, approved by the Board of Governors
of the Agency on 11 September 2017,

Taking note further of the 2005 World Summit Outcome adopted at the high-
level plenary meeting of the General Assembly on 16 September 2005\(^4\) and the
adoption of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy on 8 September
2006,\(^5\)

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General submitted pursuant to
paragraph 5 of resolution 73/55,\(^6\)

Mindful of the urgent need for addressing, within the United Nations framework
and through international cooperation, this threat to humanity,

Emphasizing that progress is urgently needed in the area of disarmament and
non-proliferation in order to maintain international peace and security and to
contribute to global efforts against terrorism,

\(^2\) Ibid., vol. 1456, No. 24631.
\(^3\) See A/59/361.
\(^4\) Resolution 60/1.
\(^5\) Resolution 60/288.
\(^6\) A/74/140.
1. *Calls upon* all Member States to support international efforts to prevent terrorists from acquiring weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery;

2. *Appeals* to all Member States to consider early accession to and ratification of the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism,¹ and encourages States parties to the Convention to review its implementation;

3. *Urges* all Member States to take and strengthen national measures, as appropriate, to prevent terrorists from acquiring weapons of mass destruction, their means of delivery and materials and technologies related to their manufacture;

4. *Encourages* cooperation among and between Member States and relevant regional and international organizations for strengthening national capacities in this regard;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to compile a report on measures already taken by international organizations on issues relating to the linkage between the fight against terrorism and the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and to seek the views of Member States on additional relevant measures, including national measures, for tackling the global threat posed by the acquisition by terrorists of weapons of mass destruction and to report to the General Assembly at its seventy-fifth session;

6. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-fifth session, under the item entitled “General and complete disarmament”, the sub-item entitled “Measures to prevent terrorists from acquiring weapons of mass destruction”.

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¹ Reference to the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism.