

Symposium on “Advancing the Implementation of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy (Vienna- 17 and 18 of May 2007)

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on:**

Theme 6: The way ahead- Advancing the implementation of the Strategy

In the Name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful

**Mr. Chairman,
Distinguished Delegates,**

Regarding advancing the implementation of the Strategy, my delegation would like to make the following comments:

- As it has been mentioned by many speakers, fighting terrorism requires the concerted efforts and political resolve of all nations and players in the international community. All countries should organize their efforts under the auspices of the United Nations and in conformity with the United Nations Charter, international law and International Humanitarian Law. What is important in this regard is avoidance of double standards and selectivity.
- The road ahead should be based on the framework drawn by our leaders in the word summit outcome document adopted in 2005. We should be keen not to deviate from that framework.
- The United Nations strategy should be instrumental in the international endeavors against terrorism. Nevertheless, it should not substitute the efforts to conclude the comprehensive convention on terrorism or the definition of terrorism. We have to work consistently towards achieving an internationally agreed definition of terrorism and terrorist acts which

shall be differentiated from the legitimate struggle and resistance of peoples under foreign occupation.

- It is imperative for the GA to review the plan of action on a regular basis to provide a truly comprehensive Strategy which duly takes into account all root causes of terrorism. We believe that the condition conducive to the spread of terrorism is to be among the immediate objectives of the strategy, and this issue has not been addressed to some extent in this Symposium and should be further elaborated on any outcome. We remain convinced, as we were that in our confrontation with extremism and terrorism, we will not succeed if the environment that breeds terrorism, including foreign occupation, state terrorism, injustice, exclusion and systematic denial of human rights is allowed to thrive.

- We also believe that inter-cultural and inter- religion dialogue can play a key role in fighting the menace more effectively.

- It is also important that the UN extends its cooperation with other intergovernmental organizations such as OIC and regional and sub-regional organizations in the fight against terrorism.

At the end, I would like to thank once again the organizers of this important Symposium and express the hope that our deliberations in the course of yesterday and today, have provided us a better vision and understanding of the road ahead in advancing the implementation of the Strategy.

Thank you

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