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TOPIC – DELIBERATION UPON COMBATING TERRORISM IN THE MENA REGION

The MENA region has been plagued by perpetuation of violent terrorism reasons not limited to civil disruptions in the Israel-Palestine clashes, ongoing wars by Islamist terrorists in Syria, Yemen and Iraq, continuous political instability in Algeria and Lebanon sparking horrific and lasting violence, mass displacements, and economic repression in the region. Hence the situation has been termed as **“the biggest refugee crisis since World War II”** by the **World Bank**.

The delegate of United States of America analyses deeply that the spill-over of terrorism to Europe and America that led to the September 11 terrorist attacks in 2001 were stemmed from the civil disruptions in MENA and clearly illustrate the region’s impact on our homeland. USA is the first country to declare War on Terrorism (WOT) and signed into law the USA PATRIOT ACT, 2001 and thus successfully suppressing terrorism from its peak in 2014. Since then, we have been using whole-of-society and whole-of-government counter-terrorism approach. Under our leadership, the Global Coalition to Defeat ISIS (Defeat-ISIS) and establishment of the Africa Focus Group (AFFG) to directly engage with African Coalition members on addressing the threat of ISIS affiliates on the African continent has been a big success.

We support and encourage The United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy (A/RES/60/288)- a unique global instrument to enhance national, regional and international efforts to counter terrorism. We have extensively provided Yemen and Syria with military actions in dismantling the domestic terrorist organizations and aided humanitarian relief by funding sectors like the supply of food security, health, education and protection this past decade from \$115 million in 2012 to almost a billion in 2019. On 19 March 2011, we led a multi-state NATO-led coalition to begin military intervention in Libya to implement United Nations Security Council Resolution 1973(UNSCR1973) in response to the events during the 2011 Libyan Civil War.

Stressing over the fact that economic prosperity leads to regional stability and peace, we promote trade and investment policy dialogues to aid and enhance economic well-being within the MENA region by promoting Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) along with Trade and Investment Framework Agreements (TIFAs) with many other MENA countries.

We believe that acts of terrorism cannot be countered through repressive measures alone and we emphasize the need for an unbiased, comprehensive, human rights compliant solution for tackling the terrorism problem. Since our foundation, we have been promoting respect for human rights globally. We urge the member states and policymakers to forge on resolutions on combating terrorism in the MENA region on the following points:

1. Establishing a stable democratic government that implements civilian-friendly policies
2. Enhanced efforts to provide supporting infrastructure including educational institutions and transparency in the working of government
3. Economic stability through enhanced trade and investment ties
4. Gender unbiased employment and women empowerment
5. Providing freedom of speech and expression without the fear of being reprimanded or suppressed
6. Providing better human rights and healthcare

We firmly believe that provided the above solutions are successfully and consistently implemented in the entire MENA region, they will have an ameliorating effect on peacekeeping and thus terrorism can easily be combatted in the long run.

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