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Statement

by

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At the

**Joint Briefing of the Committees Established Pursuant to
Resolutions 1267, 1373 and 1540**

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Thank you, Mr. President,

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines welcomes today's joint briefing of the 1267, 1373 and 1540 Committees. And would like to thank the Chairs of the three Committees for their invaluable and informative briefings. We also especially thank Ambassador Ladeb and his team, for their hard work and dedication, to the work of the Counter- Terrorism Committee over the past two years.

The current international security landscape is dominated by transnational challenges, including the scourge of terrorism and the nuclear threat. To successfully confront terrorism and the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, counterterrorism efforts must be conducted on a multilateral basis, in partnership with international, regional, and subregional organizations, academia, and civil society organizations. We must continue to fully utilize international policy instruments and enforcement mechanisms to keep pace with these evolving threats.

Our delegation notes that despite the continued challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the three Committees and their respective expert bodies have been able to coordinate and cooperate, in accordance with their respective mandates. To this end, we appreciate the work of the Committees under the stewardship of Mexico, Norway, and Tunisia. Moreover, we encourage the Committees to enhance information-sharing through joint briefings like this; and enable their associated expert bodies, to further improve their cooperation.

The Counter-Terrorism Committee, supported by its Executive Directorate, plays a critical role in promoting coordination and coherence of all United Nations counter-terrorism efforts. Saint Vincent and the Grenadines welcomes the recent launch of the Committee's updated electronic assessment and analytics tools. We encourage the Committee to further enhance its engagement with the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism and other United Nations agencies to develop and promote well-informed counter-terrorism responses, and to avoid the duplication of efforts, and through the Counter-Terrorism Executive Directorate; to continue its engagement with Member States to address outstanding issues of high priority, in particular, the provision of technical assistance.

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines remains deeply concerned about the evolving threat to international peace and security posed by ISIL (Da'esh), Al-Qaida and their affiliates, particularly on the African continent. These threats require timely action from the 1267 Committee members and from the broader United Nations membership. Moreover, we encourage Member States to take action to fully implement the sanctions measures against listed individuals and entities within their respective jurisdictions.

We are also concerned about the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, including in the hands of terrorists. We continue to encourage all Member States to cooperate and engage with international, regional, and sub-regional organisations to support the work of the Committee and its Group of Experts to implement resolution 1540 effectively.

Mr. President,

In conclusion, we call upon all Member States to redouble their efforts to combat terrorism and proliferation of weapons at home and abroad by analysing the threat, sharing that information with partners, and integrating all instruments of national power to ensure unity of effort.

I thank you.