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**MESSAGE TO SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL
COUNTER-TERRORISM COMMITTEE ON
“COUNTERING THE USE OF NEW AND EMERGING
TECHNOLOGIES FOR TERRORIST PURPOSES”**

Mumbai, 28 October 2022

Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen, the media that are present, people of Mumbai, and people of India,

Terrorism is absolute evil.

There are no reasons, no pretext.

No causes, no grievances, that can justify terrorism.

Terrorism is absolute evil and terrorism has no room in today's world.

So I feel deeply moved to be here, where one of the most barbaric terrorist acts in history took place where 166 people lost their lives.

I want to pay tribute to the victims.

They are heroes of our world, and I want to express my deepest condolences to the families, to their friends to the people of India, and to all those that were coming from other parts of the world have lost their lives in Mumbai.

Fighting terrorism must be a global priority for every country on Earth and fighting terrorism is a central priority for the action of United Nations.

My first reform when I became Secretary General was to make the proposal of the creation of the office of counterterrorism an office that is today in full strength, able to cooperate with member states in order to provide the all kinds of assistance, training and advise what is necessary for all countries to be prepared to be able to

prevent and simultaneously to fight against terrorist acts like the ones we have witnessed.

At the same time, this office is fighting the roots of violent extremism. There are no reasons to justify violent extremism, being it because of religion because of ethnicity because of whatever other belief that people might have.

We need to take those roots of violent extremism, that try to provide justification so many times for terrorist acts.

We need to be able to live with each other, to understand each other, to recognize of diversity is a richness, and I am in with the most diverse countries in the world.

We need to stay together, and we need to be much more effective in eliminating the root causes of terrorism and much more you united it in fighting terrorism, your knowledge expressions, and then making sure that the terrorists will have no more place in our world.

I want to thank the Indian government for the support has been providing for all UN actions in the fight against terrorism, and I want to, once again, express my deepest solidarity to those that were directly or indirectly affected by the barbaric acts that took place here, and in other places of the city.

May I end with the same words that I have started: “terrorism is absolute evil. It is the duty of all of us to fight it without any kind a hesitation. Thank you very much.
