Background Paper

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The use of unmeasured intimidation and violence in attacks involving civilians in situations of political interest is defined as terrorism. For decades, terrorism has remained a global issue by threatening the security of countries and their principal cities through the creation of disasters and the murder of innocent civilians. The Security Council's objective is to maintain order and promote peace around the world. In the same way, to detain the promotion and the possible attempts of terrorist attacks. It is of major relevance to continue to deal with this issue through the cooperation of the members belonging to the Security Council.

Since the year 2001, terrorism became a major focus of attention due to the unsettling involvement of the international community. This situation is critical, especially in the Middle East. Countries belonging to this region have sponsored acts of terrorism which have marked history. The tragic event that occurred on September 9, 2001, left the whole global community terrified. A great number of innocent people lost their lives and others got to live with major injuries for life. Furthermore, Saudi Arabia claimed that Al-Qaeda and its leader, Osama Bin Laden, were behind the World Trade Center's attack.

Over the years, terrorism has taken various different approaches. A clear example of this is a method of terrorism called Jihadism, that takes form of religious terrorism. Jihadi terrorism is looked upon one of the world's most dangerous types of terrorism. Moreover, the promotion of it took place over the internet, as terrorist groups initiated the recruitment of people through the use

of social media. The United States and its allies have been making efforts to abolish this class of terrorism. Despite their efforts, religious terrorism has been reappearing as a group called Boko Haram, who on 2019 organized a set of terrorist attacks, causing unfortune 1900 deaths in the African continent. In order to prevent the loss of innocent civilians and chaos among the global community, collaboration against these organized attacks is critical. Furthermore, implementing new laws and sanctions to those that promote terrorism are key to ensure international safety.

The United Nations created the *Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy* defined as "a unique global instrument to enhance national, regional and international efforts to counter terrorism" (United Nations, 2021). All members belonging to the UN agreed to this strategy to fight terrorism. The strategy is based in 4 main pillars established by the United Nations:

1. Addressing the conditions conducive to the spread of terrorism
2. Measures to prevent and combat terrorism
3. Measures to build states' capacity to prevent and combat terrorism and to strengthen the role of the United Nations system in that regard
4. Measures to ensure respect for human rights for all and the rule of law as the fundamental basis for the fight against terrorism.

Furthemore, members present in the Security Council will have to work together and come up with an action plan that will guarantee the achievement of these four pillars taking into consideration the various types of terrorism, their origin, and their consequence. The United Nations Security Council is deeply convinced and further invites all nations to participate in the discussion and come to an agreement with the endorsement of global peace and ensuring the safety of innocent civilians all around the globe.

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