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**Cooperation between the UN and the Regional and Sub-Regional
Organizations in maintaining international peace and Security: Role of
SCO, CIS and CSTO combating terrorism**

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Thank you, Mr. President, for organizing today's debate. We also appreciate the circulation of a very useful Concept Note outlining the contours of this discussion.

2. We would also like to thank the UN Secretary General and the heads of the regional security organizations for their comprehensive and insightful briefings.

Mr. President,

3. Today's security problems are not constrained by physical or political boundaries. Terrorism, drug trafficking, transnational crime and the security implications of new technologies are transnational challenges which cannot be viewed in compartmentalized terms. Our response to them therefore, also has to be coordinated across borders.

4. Terrorism is the single most significant threat to peace and stability today. We are confronted with groups that have linkages across regions and continents in terms of recruitment, financing, and operation. We are committed to combat this menace in all its forms and manifestations. There can be no justification for acts of terror on any grounds whatsoever.

5. We believe that our fight against terrorism should not only seek to eliminate terrorists, and disrupt terror organisations and networks, but should also identify, hold accountable and take strong measures against states that encourage, support and finance terrorism, provide sanctuary to terrorists and terror groups. We call upon all countries to work together to expedite the adoption of the draft Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism (CCIT) in the UN General Assembly without any further delay.

6. Regional and sub-regional groups can play an important role in fostering the cooperation and coordination needed to effectively combat terrorist networks.

7. Of the organisations being discussed today, India has been a member of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation since 2017. We joined the SCO to secure peace, progress and prosperity for the region and to create new opportunities for economic engagement in the region.

8. We welcome the clarity shown by SCO on terrorism from its inception. We are determined to strengthen cooperation within the SCO framework for comprehensive, cooperative and sustainable security. SCO members should also explore how the

SCO-RATS (Regional Anti-Terrorism Structure) can provide a more effective platform for cooperation through exchange of information, capacity building, mutual legal assistance, sharing of best practices, and cooperating in multilateral fora such as the United Nations.

9. We will continue to participate constructively in the UN's engagement with relevant regional organizations, as we did recently with the adoption of the UNGA resolution on Cooperation between the UN and the SCO.

Thank you, Mr President.