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**STATEMENT AGAINST TERRORISM BY THE PARTICIPANTS  
IN THE G-8 MOSCOW MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE**

The Governments of the Eight reiterate their determination to work together to protect people from terrorist attacks and to combat any international network which supports terrorism.

We declare that all terrorist acts are unjustified and criminal, regardless of their motivation, wherever and by whomever committed.

Terrorism is a threat to the peace and stability of all States and the safety and wellbeing of their citizens. We note with deep concern the increasing resort by terrorists to inhuman actions aimed at inflicting maximum casualties on innocent persons and property. All States should take all appropriate steps to protect their citizens from terrorist attacks. All States should seek legislative and practical means, within the scope of international standards of human rights and the norms of international law, to deter terrorist acts and prosecute the perpetrators.

All States should prevent and suppress in their territories the preparation for and financing of terrorist actions. Perpetrators of terrorist acts must be brought to justice, by prosecution or extradition to a country that has jurisdiction. No safe haven shall be given to terrorists anywhere.

We are determined to strengthen our contribution to the struggle against this deadly global challenge, building on our record of counterterrorism cooperation, including the 25 Recommendations of the 1996 Paris Ministerial and the additional measures adopted at the 1998 Birmingham Summit. Our main task is to strengthen practical cooperation as one of the more effective means of countering terrorism in all its forms. Policy must be translated into practical action. We must also reinvigorate our political will, collectively and individually, to once again reiterate our absolute intolerance for terrorism anywhere.

We intend to intensify the exchange of information necessary to prevent and suppress terrorist acts as well as the exchange of experience in the field of counterterrorism.

At the same time it is necessary to take measures to block access by terrorist organizations to financing. We actively contributed to the negotiations on the draft UN Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Financing and intend to continue our strong efforts to restrict the ability of terrorists to raise and transfer funds for their criminal activities.

We welcome the progress achieved in drafting the UN Convention for the Suppression of Nuclear Terrorism.

We urge all countries that have not yet done so to become party to the eleven universal counterterrorism conventions and to continue to work to strengthen the international legal basis for combating terrorism.