

MIKTA Foreign Ministers' Joint Statement on terrorism and violent extremism conducive to terrorism

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We, the Foreign Ministers of Mexico, Indonesia, the Republic of Korea, Turkey and Australia (MIKTA), reiterate our strongest condemnation to terrorism and violent extremism conducive to terrorism (VECT) in all its forms and manifestations, committed by whomever and for whatever purpose. Furthermore, we express our grave concern for the use of the internet for these purposes, including the incitement to discrimination and violence motivated by hate, racism, xenophobia and religious intolerance.

The recent Christchurch and El Paso attacks, among other egregious acts, underscore the urgent need for increased international cooperation and concerted action to prevent and counter terrorism and VECT. We are committed to and call for the full implementation of relevant UN resolutions, the UN Global Counter Terrorism Strategy, the 2017 Hamburg G20 Leaders' Statement on Countering Terrorism, and the G20 Osaka Leaders' Statement on Preventing Exploitation of the Internet for Terrorism and VECT.

We remain committed to upholding the principles of an open, free and secure cyberspace, in accordance with national and international law and with full respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, such as freedom of expression and access to information. We are determined to ensure that the cyberspace is not used for terrorist and VECT purposes. We take note of the efforts undertaken through the Christchurch Call for Action. We also remain committed to promoting human rights and ending all forms of discrimination, xenophobia, racism and religious intolerance, including through international cooperation. The need for restricted access to firearms, means and technologies capable of high-scale harm is another area of shared concern.

Given the urgency of this issue, we call upon the international community to seize the opportunity presented by the upcoming 74th session of the UN General Assembly to further multilateral cooperation to prevent and counter terrorism and VECT.



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