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AND STUDY OF THE UNDERLYING CAUSES OF THOSE FORMS OF TERRORISM
AND ACTS OF VIOLENCE WHICH LIE IN MISERY, FRUSTRATION,
GRIEVANCE AND DESPAIR AND WHICH CAUSE SOME PEOPLE TO SACRIFICE
HUMAN LIVES, INCLUDING THEIR OWN, IN AN ATTEMPT TO EFFECT
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UKRAINIAN SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLIC

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1. The Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic is opposed, as a matter of principle, to the theory and practice of international terrorism and to all its forms and manifestations, and condemns any terrorist actions, whatever the motives, whoever the perpetrator and wherever they are committed. Terrorism is an ugly phenomenon, which takes the lives of innocent people, interferes with the diplomatic activity of States and their representatives and destabilizes international relations, creating dangerous hotbeds of tension and provoking international conflicts. The complete eradication of terrorism is inextricably linked to the elimination of its underlying causes and the improvement of the international climate as a whole.
2. The Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic advocates the elaboration of effective international measures to prevent terrorism and believes that that is possible only with the active and purposeful co-operation of all States. Such co-operation is one of the essential foundations of a comprehensive system of international peace and security.
3. The Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic took part in the preparation and subsequent ratification of a number of international legal agreements in the field of terrorism, such as the 1970 Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Seizure of Aircraft, the 1971 Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Civil Aviation and the 1973 Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons, including Diplomatic Agents. The accession of the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic in May 1987 to the 1979 International Convention against the Taking of Hostages was another step designed to encourage the efforts of the international community to combat terrorism. As a party to the above-mentioned agreements, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic consistently fulfils the obligations assumed under them.
4. Accession to these important instruments by those States which have not yet become parties to them and strict observance of their stipulations would permit the creation of favourable conditions for preventing international terrorism and enabling it to be combated more effectively. This will also be promoted by the drafting of new international legal instruments, for instance, within the framework of the International Civil Aviation Organization and the International Maritime Organization, concerning the eradication of international terrorism.
5. All necessary measures have been taken in the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic to prevent terrorism at the national level. The Ukrainian legislation provides comprehensive political, legal and material guarantees removing the causes that provoke this evil (the relevant information on this question is given in document A/40/445/Add.1).
6. It is quite obvious that co-operation among States for the purpose of preventing and combating international terrorism must take place in a constructive spirit on the basis of respect for the generally accepted principles and norms of

contemporary international law and compliance with the Charter of the United Nations. In this connection, the illegal actions of certain States designed, under the pretext of combating terrorism, to violate the sovereignty of other States and to exert military, political and economic pressure on them, deserve the strongest condemnation.

7. Terrorism committed by individuals must no longer be ascribed to whole peoples and States and terrorism must no longer be used for the demonstration or use of force against sovereign States and peoples. Attempts to combat this evil by means of State terrorism create a vicious circle of violence and bloodshed, because as a result, an even greater crime is committed, an even greater number of human lives are destroyed and State sovereignty and international law are undermined, not to speak of ordinary morality and justice. The policy and practice of terrorism as a method of conducting affairs with other States, represent the most dangerous form of this criminal phenomenon.

8. In condemning acts of international terrorism the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic also objects to any attempts to equate terrorist actions with the struggle of peoples for their national, economic and social liberation. The rightfulness of the national liberation struggle of peoples against colonialism, racism and other forms of colonial supremacy derives from the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, and from a number of instruments on international humanitarian law, and is a peremptory norm of contemporary international law.

9. The Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic attaches great significance to General Assembly resolution 40/61 of 9 December 1985, which was an important step in strengthening co-operation of States in combating international terrorism. Its adoption demonstrates that the United Nations has a considerable potential for initiating co-operation among States in this sphere. As a member of the United Nations Ad Hoc Committee on International Terrorism, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic advocates the resumption of its work with renewed vigour. We have supported and are prepared in the future to give support to constructive efforts by that Committee to facilitate anti-terrorist measures and to banish terrorist acts from international life. We particularly appreciate the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee endorsed by the General Assembly, which call upon all States to refrain from organizing, instigating, assisting or participating in civil disorders or terrorist acts in other States, or acquiescing in activities within their territory directed towards the commission of such acts.

10. Another important way of utilizing the possibilities of the United Nations in the struggle against international terrorism would be for this question to be considered annually at sessions of the General Assembly.

11. United Nations activities to eradicate international terrorism would be given a considerable boost by the speedy conclusion of the convention against the recruitment, use, financing and training of mercenaries being drafted within the framework of the Organization.

12. The Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic considers that the effectiveness of inter-State co-operation in combating international terrorism would be enhanced by the development of bases for such co-operation, which would include such important provisions as: unconditional condemnation of terrorist activity, regardless of its motive; conformity of any methods of combating international terrorism with the norms of international law; respect for the right of each people to choose the courses and forms of its development independently, without outside interference, and recognition of the right of all peoples to self-determination and the legitimacy of the struggle of the national liberation movements; renunciation of the use or threat of use of force in international relations; strengthening of trust among States; participation in existing international agreements in this area and active co-operation in the conclusion of new ones; inevitability of punishment of persons guilty of committing acts of terrorism. The drafting of the provisions of a document covering all aspects of co-operation among States to combat international terrorism could be undertaken within the framework of the Ad Hoc Committee on International Terrorism, if it is reactivated, or directly at sessions of the General Assembly.

13. The Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic reaffirms its readiness to participate actively in the efforts of the international community to eradicate international terrorism and is prepared to co-operate constructively in the consideration of any proposals on the subject.
