

Statement by Ambassador Hardeep Singh Puri, Permanent Representative (in his national capacity) during a joint debate on the briefing by Chairmen of Subsidiary Bodies of the UN Security Council on Counter Terrorism on November 14, 2012

Now, I would like to make a brief statement in my national capacity.

2. As Chair of the Counter-Terrorism Committee, it has been India's constant endeavour to provide a political direction to the work of the Committee and a greater momentum to efforts in bolstering member states' ability in confronting the scourge of terrorism.
3. The international community needs to step up its collective efforts with real cooperation among member states to confront the scourge of terrorism squarely and decisively. We need concerted action against terrorists and their sponsors, including the complete dismantling of terrorist safe havens, sanctuaries, training grounds and financial and ideological support structures. We need to adopt a holistic approach that ensures zero-tolerance towards terrorism.
4. India fully support all efforts, which strengthen international and regional cooperation in counter-terrorism, and most importantly, help ensure the effective implementation of relevant Security Council resolutions, including 1373 (2001) and 1624 (2005) and a comprehensive and integrated implementation of the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy.
5. We welcome the listing of the Haqqani Network by the 1988 Sanctions Committee. This Group has also targeted Indian interests in the past. The unity of the international community is critical in isolating such terror groups which threaten peace and security in our region, and other parts of the world. The Monitoring Team needs to put greater focus to examine the linkages between Al-Qaida and Taliban comprehensively and objectively, which pose a serious threat to international peace and security.
6. It is critical that all sanctions regimes established by the Security Council should ensure swift, fair and transparent procedures in their decision-making. The process of listings as well as de-listings needs to be guided by the same set of principles - fairness, credibility and transparency.
7. India has an unwavering commitment to support international efforts to prevent non-state actors and terrorists from acquiring WMDs and their means of delivery. The international community must continue to strengthen its efforts to eliminate the risks relating to sensitive materials and technologies falling into the hands of terrorists and non-state actors. The international response to the threat needs to be national as well as multilateral and global.
8. India believes that meeting new proliferation challenges requires fresh approaches for evolving a more cooperative and consensual international security order that effectively addresses genuine proliferation concerns. As announced by Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh at the Seoul Nuclear Security Summit in March this year, India will be hosting a 1540 Committee workshop on 'Building New Synergies on Nuclear

Security' from 30 November-1 December, 2012. In this workshop, India intends to bring together important stakeholders for a brain-storming session for building synergies that would contribute to the overall objectives of nuclear security.

9. The success in the fight against terrorism goes hand-in-hand with progress in strengthening counter-terrorism cooperation and exchange of information at the international, regional and sub-regional level. Our collective endeavour should be to enhance coherence and synergy among different counter terrorism structures that are dealing with the issue of terrorism at the UN. The 1267/1989 Committee, the 1373 Committee, and the 1540 Committee of the Security Council must continue to further strengthen their ongoing efforts in the fight against terrorism.

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