

Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates,

- First let me thank the UN Counter – Terrorism Committee and Counter – Terrorism Executive Directorate for convening this very timely and necessary meetings. Let me also express my gratitude to the Government of Spain for bringing us together and creating comfortable conditions for our discussions.
- Terrorism is one of the most dangerous scourges of our times. Almost every day media reports from different parts of the world bring tragic news about deadly terrorist attacks.
- We would like to commend the UN Security Council and all UN anti-terrorist bodies for their efforts directed at combating terrorism.
- Poland believes that combating terrorist threat should be undertaken with full respect for the rule of law. Therefore we welcome initiatives that can foster the process of bringing terrorists to justice.
- In this context we note with great satisfaction the adoption of the Protocol to the Council of Europe Convention on the prevention of terrorism, done at Warsaw in 2005. We are convinced that this legal instrument will contribute to the proper implementation of Security Council resolution [2178 (2014)] regarding foreign terrorist fighters.
- As forms and manifestations of terrorism still develop, we enhance capabilities of our internal law enforcement agencies to prevent terrorists from achieving their goals. Moreover, we amend our domestic legislation in order to improve legal measures to combat terrorism. The newest amendment to the Polish Penal Code that is about to be introduced will broaden the category of crimes connected with financing of terrorism. Additional draft legal provisions regarding terrorism have recently been prepared by the special inter-ministerial Task Force.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

- The international community must express its strong rejection of terrorism which still poses serious threat for fundamental human values. This very meeting of representatives from different regions and cultures shows that there is a common will to stay united in acting towards peaceful future.

Thank you.