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Copenhagen, December « 7 », 2015

Esteemed Ms. Kjærsgaard,

I hereby forward to you copies of the appeal of the Council of the Federation of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation to parliaments of foreign states and international parliamentary organizations in view of the necessity of joint efforts in the fight against international terrorism, and the Council of the Federation's resolution on this appeal.

Respectfully yours,

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**APPEAL OF THE COUNCIL OF THE FEDERATION
OF THE FEDERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE RUSSIAN
FEDERATION**

**to parliaments of foreign states and international parliamentary organizations
in view of the necessity of joint efforts in the fight against international
terrorism**

The Council of the Federation of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation expresses its deep concern over terrorist threats to security of the Russian Federation and its citizens. Over recent years, our country has repeatedly experienced pain and shock of tragedies connected to the actions of terrorists.

The explosion aboard the Russian airliner over the Sinai Peninsula on October 31, 2015, has become yet another crime of international terrorism, resulting in deaths of peaceful citizens, among them – women and children. We mourn with families and friends of the deceased and call upon fair retribution for this appalling evil deed. No one involved in the terrorist act should escape responsibility.

Today terrorism makes its way across state borders unimpeded and spreads throughout the world. The latest example is the terrorist attacks in France on November 13, 2015, and earlier – in Turkey, Lebanon, Tunisia and Kenya. Terrorist acts have almost become an everyday occurrence in Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria where violent extremist groups had dug in. The Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation strongly condemns the inhuman actions of international terrorists and expresses its condolences to the states, the citizens of which have become victims of these actions.

Humankind faces a global challenge, and no state on the planet is in position to respond to it alone. Nazism which was defeated 70 years ago was a similar global challenge to human civilization. At that time the anti-Hitler coalition of

states with different political systems was created to confront the common enemy. The Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation is convinced that today this global challenge should face a global response strictly within the norms of international law. Unfortunately, we have repeatedly come across the policy of double standards and unilateral sanctions which weakens the possibilities of the international community in countering terrorism.

In order to fight against terrorism comprehensively, it is necessary to join the efforts of all members of the international community, to create a broad coalition of states which deny violent extremism and are ready to contribute to the victory over the common evil. The creation of such a coalition would help to make this fight coordinated and systematic in many important spheres at once:

- in the political sphere – to eliminate double standards, division of terrorists into “good” and “bad”, to demonstrate the ability of the world community to overcome disagreements in the face of a common threat;

- in the legislative sphere – to adopt the necessary acts at the international, national and regional levels to criminalize terrorism and any assistance to it, to unify the conditions for the interaction of all anti-terrorist structures for prosecution and punishment of terrorists and their accomplices using the potential of parliamentary diplomacy for the coordination of respective decisions;

- in the sphere of security – to coordinate the efforts of the respective organizations in order to prevent terrorist acts, expose terrorist networks and channels of support to terrorists, to coordinate the conduction of military operations in order to cause the biggest possible damage to terrorist groups at their direct locations, to create a unified list of terrorist organizations, as well as the means for its effective renewal;

- in the financial and economic sphere – to expose and shut down direct and potential sources of financing of terrorism, including drug trafficking, trade of energy and other sources, as well as channels for the supply of arms to terrorist organizations;

- in the diplomatic sphere – to achieve strict implementation of the UN Security Council resolutions on counter-terrorism by all states, to consecutively implement the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy and to achieve completion of agreement on the Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism in the shortest term;

- in the interparliamentary sphere – to use the potential of parliamentary diplomacy to actively promote the international anti-terrorist agenda and to hold political discussions of the issues of anti-terrorist cooperation within the framework of international events;

- in the humanitarian sphere – to secure the protection of the world cultural heritage on the basis of the UN Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict of May 14, 1954,

- in the sphere of information, the spiritual and religious sphere – to strongly condemn all manifestations of terrorism which is based on the ideology of anti-humanism, to deny any justifications of terrorist methods of accomplishment of any goals with the help of spiritual leaders, to prevent the glorification of acts of violence, to discredit the ideas of radical protest and to raise awareness of the inevitability of punishment for terrorist activity.

The Council of the Federation of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation calls upon parliaments of foreign states and international parliamentary organizations to put aside political disagreements and to take a firm stand in order to establish broad and effective interparliamentary and intergovernmental cooperation in the sphere of countering international terrorism. The fate of the human civilization and the fundamental right of every citizen of our planet – the right to life - are at stake. It is our common duty to protect this right.

**The Council of the Federation
of the Federal Assembly
of the Russian Federation**

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE FEDERATION
OF THE FEDERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE RUSSIAN
FEDERATION**

**on the Appeal of the Council of the Federation
of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation to parliaments of foreign
states and international parliamentary organizations in view of the necessity
of joint efforts in the fight against international terrorism**

The Council of the Federation of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation **resolves:**

1. To adopt the Appeal of the Council of the Federation of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation to parliaments of foreign states and international parliamentary organizations concerning the necessity of joint efforts in the fight against international terrorism.
2. To submit the above-mentioned Appeal to the President of the Russian Federation, the Government of the Russian Federation, the Civic Chamber of the Russian Federation, parliaments of foreign states and international parliamentary organizations.
3. The present Resolution enters into force on the day of adoption thereof.

Chairperson of the Council of the Federation
of the Federal Assembly
of the Russian Federation

V.I.MATVIENKO

Moscow
November 18, 2015