

B. High-level meeting of the Security Council on the anniversary of 11 September 2001: acts of international terrorism

Initial proceedings

Decision of 11 September 2002 (4607th meeting): statement by the President

At its 4607th meeting, on 11 September 2002, the Council included in its agenda the item entitled “High-level meeting of the Security Council on the anniversary of 11 September 2001: acts of international terrorism”.

Statements were made by the Secretary-General and the representative of the United States.²²⁸ In his opening remarks, the President (Bulgaria) stated that the meeting was to pay solemn tribute to the memory of the victims of the terrorist attacks that had struck the United States on 11 September 2001.²²⁹

The Secretary-General emphasized the role of the Council as the most central body in the fight against terrorism, being the forum for building the broadest possible international coalition. Recalling the adoption by the Council of strong resolutions after the attacks, the Secretary-General noted the cooperation of Member States in a wide range of counter-terrorism areas. He stressed that, one year after the attacks, the importance of global legitimacy in the fight against terrorism had only grown, and called on the Council to strive even harder to win the widest possible support in

the struggle ahead.²³⁰

The Secretary of State of the United States affirmed that following the attacks, it was clear that terrorism was a threat to international peace and security and that concerted and long-term action was necessary to eradicate that menace. He referred to the combined efforts of members of the United Nations to combat terrorism to date, including the instalment of an interim governing authority in Afghanistan. He held that the international community must be prepared for a long effort measured in years, not months, to eliminate terrorism as a global menace.²³¹

At the same meeting, the President made a statement on behalf of the Council,²³² by which the Council, *inter alia*:

Honoured those innocents killed and injured in the attacks of 11 September 2001;

Affirmed that those attacks had been an assault on global civilization and the common efforts to make the world a better and safer place;

Called upon all States and regional and subregional organizations to carry forward and build on their cooperation with the Counter-Terrorism Committee and the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999).

²²⁸ Bulgaria was represented by its President; all other Council members except Mexico were represented at the ministerial level.

²²⁹ S/PV.4607, p. 2.

²³⁰ *Ibid.*, pp. 2-3.

²³¹ *Ibid.*, pp. 3-4.

²³² S/PRST/2002/25.

C. High-level meeting of the Security Council: combating terrorism

Initial proceedings

Decision of 20 January 2003 (4688th meeting): resolution 1456 (2003)

At its 4688th meeting, on 20 January 2003, the Council included in its agenda the item entitled “High-level meeting of the Security Council: combating terrorism”.

During the meeting, statements were made by all members of the Council,²³³ the Secretary-General and the Chairman of the Counter-Terrorism Committee.

The Secretary-General stressed that the threat of terrorism, if it were to be addressed successfully,

²³³ Except for Chile and the Syrian Arab Republic, the Council members were represented at the ministerial level.