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## **Condolences in connection with the terrorist acts in Orlando and Paris**

Mr. Chairperson,

We resolutely condemn the barbaric and utterly inexcusable terrorist acts that occurred in Orlando and Paris.

We express our heartfelt condolences to our colleagues in Vienna, the Governments and people of the United States of America and France, and the relatives and friends of those who died in these inhuman acts. We wish the injured a speedy recovery.

The succession of terrorists acts committed by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant in different parts of the globe once again highlights the need for a rapid consolidation of forces by the international community to form a united front to combat international terrorism. Russia is ready to co-operate in such an enterprise.

Thank you for your attention.