

For these reasons, Mr. Chairman, the Canadian delegation, being firmly convinced of the need to increase international co-operation to combat terrorism, feels that we should continue to follow the course set for us by the specific measures already taken. This sentiment is shared by the delegations which jointly prepared draft resolution A/C.6/42/L.2*, on behalf of whom I now have the honour of introducing this document and outlining the reasons why it should be adopted. These delegations are: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, the Federal Republic of Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, the United Kingdom and Canada.

Like Canada, the co-authors of L.2* are aware of the historical importance of resolution 40/61 and have consequently sought to use the solid foundations created by this text to intensify the struggle against terrorism. Since resolution 40/61 is reaffirmed in the first paragraph of the preamble to L.2*, and since most of its provisions are reproduced there, I will simply point out the additions contained in this draft resolution.

The second paragraph of the preamble is new and invites the General Assembly to deplore the continuation of terrorist outrages, including those instigated or supported by States.

The third paragraph of the preamble is also new and expresses the deep concern of the General Assembly at the fact that terrorism has become a world-wide phenomenon and can pose a threat to international peace and security.