



CELAC 2023
Saint Vincent
and the Grenadines

SPECIAL DECLARATION ON SUPPORT FOR THE FIGHT AGAINST TERRORISM IN ALL ITS FORMS AND MANIFESTATIONS

The Heads of State and Government of Latin America and the Caribbean, on the occasion of the VII Summit of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC), held on March 1st, 2024 in Kingstown, St. Vincent and the Grenadines

1. Reiterate their total condemnation to all acts of terrorism, which are criminal and unjustifiable, regardless of their motivation. Reaffirm their commitment to fight terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, in strict observance of the Charter of the United Nations and International Law, to this end, among other actions, they are committed to strengthening, if necessary, their national legislation and promoting active and effective international cooperation to prevent, investigate, punish and eliminate all manifestations of this scourge.
2. Condemn violent extremism that leads to terrorism and incitement to commit terrorist acts, which spreads hatred and endangers lives, and reaffirms also that those actions cannot and should not be associated with any religion, nationality, civilization or ethnic group.
3. Likewise, they commit to take quick and effective actions to prevent, penalize and eliminate the financing, whether they are individuals or groups, as well as the devising of any terrorist act and to deny safe haven to instigators, funders, perpetrators, promoters or participants in terrorist activities, in accordance with the international legal framework, including the respective international conventions and relevant resolutions of the United Nations;
4. Reaffirm their commitment to the United Nations Global Counter Terrorism Strategy adopted in September 2006, revised in 2008, 2010, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2018 and 2021; and reiterate their determination to implement the principles contained in the Strategy, to develop the



CELAC 2023
Saint Vincent
and the Grenadines

measures provided for therein as the most effective way to address the threat of terrorism and ensure full respect for the rule of law and human rights, to comply with the resolutions adopted by the United Nations in accordance with its Charter and call upon States to maintain the commitment to the current and updated Strategy;

5. Express their grave concern about acts of terrorism and violent extremism committed in different parts of the world that have caused the loss of innocent lives and that put at risk the safety and welfare of our societies.

6. Emphasize, once again, the need to fight impunity and reaffirm the legitimate right of states to judge and sentence, in accordance with their domestic laws and relevant rules of international law, those who commit acts of terrorism.

7. Urge all States, in accordance with the provisions of international law, to cooperate fully in the fight against terrorism and its financing, especially to those in whose territory or against whose citizens acts of terrorism are committed, causing the deaths of innocent people, injuries and pain of the affected families; preventing those acts to be organized, incited or financed against other States through organizations based in their territories, in order to find, capture, deny safe haven and bring to justice, on the basis of the principle of prosecution or extradition, and their own national legislation, those who support or facilitate the financing, devise, prepare or perpetrate terrorist acts or provide safe haven, as well as anyone that participates or attempts to participate in such acts; and recognize the need to promote mechanisms to freeze goods, funds or assets related to terrorism and its financing;

8. Reiterate the need to address the conditions that foster the spread of terrorism and recognize that promoting policies of social inclusion, respect for all Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law, as well as the



CELAC 2023
Saint Vincent
and the Grenadines

reduction of inequalities, contribute to the creation of stable and peaceful societies;

9. Stress the importance of promoting a culture of peace, condemning all forms of discrimination, racism, xenophobia and intolerance and promoting respect for cultural, religious and political diversity, characteristic of Latin America and the Caribbean, as a tool to prevent terrorism in the region. In this regard, they recognize the value of Peace as a human right and a legitimate aspiration of our peoples;

10. Reiterate their rejection or non-recognition of the unilateral lists and certifications that affect Latin American and Caribbean countries. In this regard, they requested the exclusion of Cuba from the unilateral list of countries that allegedly sponsor international terrorism.

11. Likewise, they reject the misuse and diffusion of information and communication technologies, including social networks, to incite violence and the commission of terrorist acts, which is contrary to the principles of the United Nations Charter and International Law, the recruitment, collection or provision of funds for its financing;

12. Urge all States to ensure, in accordance with International Law, that the status of refugee or asylee is not illegitimately used by financiers, perpetrators, organizers or sponsors of acts of terrorism, for those responsible for and/or of front organizations used by terrorist groups. They also recognize the sovereign right of States to regulate migration flows according to their national law;

13. Reaffirm the value of extradition as an essential tool in the fight against terrorism and urge those States that have received extradition requests for terrorists submitted by member states of CELAC to duly consider them, in full compliance with the applicable legal framework and its domestic law;



CELAC 2023
Saint Vincent
and the Grenadines

14. Call upon all States that have not yet done so to consider the possibility of acceding to all conventions and protocols concerning terrorism as well as its effective implementation, to fulfill obligations arising from such instruments, as well as from all international agreements that compel them to provide assistance in law enforcement matters, and legal assistance, prosecute and punish, promptly and appropriately, those persons who organize, plan, finance, sponsor, participate in and/or commit any type of terrorist act, always in strict compliance with international law and with respect for human rights, international humanitarian law and domestic legislation;

15. Urge all States to continue working for the adoption of necessary and adequate measures in accordance with their respective obligations under International Law, in order to prohibit by law the incitement to commit terrorist acts, and prevent such acts;

16. Request States, within the framework of the United Nations, to cooperate in finalizing the draft of a convention against international terrorism, so that it can serve as an effective instrument in the fight against this scourge;

17. Reiterate their profound solidarity with the victims of terrorist acts and their families, and express their desire that they receive the necessary psychological and legal support, and note the importance of ensuring their access to justice, in accordance with domestic legislation of countries, including through the practical mechanism for international assistance to victims created within the UN framework, and urge the Secretary-General and the bodies of the United Nations to maintain the commitment to efforts to assist the victims of terrorism.

Kingstown, St. Vincent and the Grenadines March 1st, 2024

Note: Decision was taken by the National Coordinators to repeat the special declaration from Buenos Aires in Kingstown