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Promotion and protection of all human rights, civil,
political, economic, social and cultural rights,
including the right to development

Terrorism and human rights

Note by the Secretariat

The present note is submitted pursuant to resolution 76/169 of the General Assembly, in which the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to submit a report on the implementation of the resolution to the Human Rights Council and to the General Assembly at its seventy-eighth session. In that regard, the Secretariat has the honour to refer the Human Rights Council to the report of the Secretary-General on terrorism and human rights.¹

In the report, the Secretary-General emphasized that countering terrorism and respecting, protecting and promoting human rights should be viewed as complementary, rather than separate, objectives and that law enforcement and military responses must be complemented by preventive measures that tackle the conditions conducive to terrorism. He highlights the persistent concerns relating to national counter-terrorism legislation, due process and fair trial and the impact of counter-terrorism measures on civic space. He also considers the use of new technologies in counter-terrorism efforts and the situation of third-country nationals with suspected ties to designated terrorist groups.

¹ [A/78/269](#).

