Malta takes note of United Nations resolution 34/8 adopted by the Human Rights Council on the 23rd March 2017 and recognises the concerns on the effects of terrorism on the enjoyment of all human rights and the ever increasing threat posed by terrorism to all States. This is in line with the number of conventions and other relevant human rights instruments that Malta has ratified in the past years.

Also, we reaffirm our obligations to protect all citizens within our jurisdiction from acts of terrorism in compliment with human rights law. It is to this effect that Malta adopts a comprehensive and multi-dimensional approach in countering terrorism in all its forms. The work carried out in this area is manifold and ranges from that of responding to terrorist threats and risks, the investigation and prosecution of individuals to other prevent work which inter alia addresses the underlying causes of terrorism. It also includes work related to the assurance of a sound level of protection on opportunity/high risk targets and international cooperation on terrorism matters.

Recognising the devastating effects terrorism has on the States and its people, Countering Terrorism is high on the national agenda. Despite that the national terrorist threat level is assessed as LOW, nothing is taken for granted. To this effect work streams and initiatives in this area are being taken to continue ensuring that Malta remains prepared in addressing the underlying threats of terrorism and is able to respond for any eventuality.