**Press Release**

**“Effective counter terrorism efforts must be complemented by genuine political will” - Ambassador Rabab Fatima**

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**“The strong determination and unflinching commitment of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, and timely action, helped us to launch a social movement to fight the menace of terrorism” - said Ambassador Rabab Fatima while speaking today at the** UN Security Council’s Special Meeting on the 20th Anniversary of Security Council Resolution 1373 and the establishment of the Security Council Counter Terrorism Committee. While addressing the Meeting, Bangladesh expressed **solidarity with all victims of terrorism** of the 9/11 terrorist attack and other attacks globally.

**Reiterating Bangladesh’s zero-tolerance policy against terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, Permanent Representative Fatima mentioned that Bangladesh is party to all international counter-terrorism instruments. In this regard, she highlighted the various national legislative and policy actions of the current government under the leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in curbing terrorism, violent extremism, terrorist financing and related menaces.**

With regard to the effective implementation of resolution 1373, Ambassador Fatima stressed on the need to address the capacity gaps, effective cross-border cooperation at all levels, seamless exchange of operational information among nations and address **the root causes of terrorism and violent extremism. She urged for** robust collaboration between the UN Security Council and Member States in this regard.

**Ambassador Fatima concluded her remarks by reiterating Bangladesh’s abiding commitment to remain a strong and reliable partner of all international efforts to counter terrorism in all its forms and manifestations.**

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