Topic I. Countering the Evolving Global Threat Posed by Non-State Actors

Honorable Chair, Fellow Delegates

November 13th 2015 was supposed to be the best day of Elif Dogan’s life.

She was going to see her favorite band perform live in Paris, something she had been anticipating for months.

Unfortunately, anticipation soon turned to fear. For at that very concert during the third song, armed gunmen unloaded automatic weapons into the crowd.

Elif was fortunate enough to survive the first barrage of bullets, however her fortune ran out when the perpetrators threw grenades into the crowd.

Just like that, in an instant, 28 years of life ceased to go on.

For November 13th 2015 was the last day of Elif Dogan’s life and 137 others.

These savage attacks were carried out by the terrorist organization known as ISIL. Because of the death and destruction these events caused France recognizes the urgent need to address the growing threat that such Non-State Actors pose.

According to the Global Terrorism Database, in 2016 alone there were 34,676 (Thirty Four Thousand Six Hundred and Seventy Six) other lives ended as a result of these Terrorist Cells.

Our mission statement as an organization, We are supposed to provide peace and security to all people around the world. As these figures show, because of these threats we have not effectively done our job.

This must change, and if we work together this can change.

If we are to provide the peace and security which we promised, we must “Counter the Evolving Global Threat Posed by Non-State Actors”.

We were unable to protect Elif, but we can protect millions of others. France implores all member states to cooperate with us to instill change and confront this problem today.

Thank you.