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PRESS RELEASE

Speaking at the Commemorative Event on 3rd May 2019 organized by the President of the General Assembly and the Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka for the victims of the Easter Sunday attacks in Sri Lanka, Ambassador Doma Tshering, Permanent Representative of Bhutan to the United Nations reaffirmed the full solidarity of the Royal Government and people of Bhutan with the Government and people of Sri Lanka, and extended heartfelt condolences and prayers to all governments whose nationals lost their lives and fell victim to the brutal acts.

She said that the "spate of abhorrent violence was not just an attack against a single country, a single religion, or a single community, but an attack against us all, and an affront to the sanctity of human life." In that regard, she reaffirmed Bhutan's condemnation of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, no matter where it is perpetrated, and that perpetrators of such acts must be brought to justice. She said that Bhutan stands firm with other members of the international community in our resolve to support collective efforts against terrorism, violent extremism, and hatred.

Full text of Statement attached.

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New York, 3rd May 2019

STATEMENT BY H.E. AMBASSADOR DOMA TSHERING, PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF BHUTAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS AT THE COMMEMORATIVE EVENT FOR VICTIMS OF THE EASTER SUNDAY ATTACKS IN SRI LANKA, UNITED NATIONS, NEW YORK, 3RD MAY 2019

Bhutan aligns itself with the statement made by the Permanent Representative of Turkmenistan on behalf of the Asian Group

As a close friend and neighbor, it pains us to see such suffering inflicted upon the people of Sri Lanka arising from the horrific acts of terror perpetrated on 21st of April.

In Bhutan, upon learning of the shocking news, His Majesty the King and Her Majesty the Queen of Bhutan offered special prayers and graced, with the Prime Minister and other senior members of government, ceremonies lighting thousands of butter lamps at our most sacred temples across the country.

The Government and people of Bhutan stand in full solidarity with Sri Lanka, and extend our heartfelt condolences and prayers to her people and government.

Our sympathies go out to all governments whose nationals lost their lives and fell victim to these brutal acts, and we wish the injured speedy recovery.

This spate of abhorrent violence was not just an attack against a single country, a single religion, or a single community, but an attack against us all, and an affront to the sanctity of human life.

Bhutan condemns terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, no matter where it is perpetrated. Perpetrators of such acts must be brought to justice.

Bhutan stands firm with other members of the international community in our resolve to support our collective efforts against terrorism, violent extremism, and hatred.
