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**Statement of H.E. Mr. Sam Kahamba Kutesa,
President of the 69th Session of the General Assembly,
on the Pakistan terror attack**

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**Excellencies,
Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

On behalf of the President of the General Assembly, I wish to deliver this statement

I condemn, in the strongest terms, the horrific terrorist act that took place at the school in Peshawar, Pakistan on 16 December 2014, causing numerous deaths and injuries, the majority of whom were children. I also condemn other recent terror attacks around the world.

I extend my deepest sympathy and condolences to the victims of this heinous act, and to their families and to the people and Government of Pakistan. The United Nations General Assembly stands in solidarity with the people and Government of Pakistan in this difficult moment. I wish also to stress the importance of ensuring the right of every child to have access to education in a safe learning environment.

Terrorism, in all its forms and manifestations is unjustifiable, regardless of its motivation wherever, whenever and by whomsoever commits it. I call on the international community to redouble efforts in the fight against the scourge of terrorism. The perpetrators of these acts should be brought to justice and I call on member states in accordance with their obligations under international law to cooperate and support the efforts of the Government of Pakistan in this regard.

I thank you.