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Mr. Chairman,

My delegation wishes to congratulate you and other members of the bureau on your election. We also assure you of our full support as you steer the work of this committee.

Kenya aligns herself with the statement delivered by the distinguished delegate of Iran on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement.

Mr. Chairman,

Terrorism knows no nationality, civilization, ethnicity, religion and respects no boundaries and has devastating effects on the economic, social and political fabric of our societies. Indeed, the victims of terrorist attacks have life long scars both physical and psychological. Over the years, acts of terrorism have assumed more complex forms. The prevention and combating of terrorism and its complexities require well-coordinated multilateral efforts considering that individual States efforts are not sufficient. In view of the foregoing, my delegation hereby underscores the need to urgently bridge the differences among Member States which have for long stalled the conclusion of the Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism.

Mr. Chairman,

My delegation welcomes the report of the Secretary General A/67/158 on technical assistance for implementing the international conventions and protocols related to terrorism. Technical cooperation and assistance is crucial for the effective functioning of national legal frameworks and strategies. We must strengthen our collective efforts in capacity building including sharing of best practices and expertise on preventing and combating terrorism. Kenya appreciates the important role played by UNODC in the area of capacity building within the region. As a member State, we are encouraged by the expanding range of technical assistance available through UNODC.

Mr. Chairman,

Kenya is a party to 14 of the existing international instruments on terrorism. Further to this, the Constitution of Kenya has provided for direct application of international treaties ratified by Kenya. Kenya is under review by the Financial Action Task Force's (FATF's), International Cooperative Review Group (ICRG) as well as the East and Southern Africa Anti-Money Laundering Group (ESAAMLG). In addition, Kenya is in the process of implementing the various recommendations made by the two bodies with regard to counter financing of terrorism and money laundering. Most recently, our Parliament passed the Prevention of Terrorism Bill which will complement the Proceeds

of Crime and Anti-Money Laundering Act of 2010 and the Mutual Legal Assistance Act of 2011. We are convinced it will foster greater cooperation with other States in matters relating to terrorism, money-laundering and other related matters. The legislation further provides for forfeiture, freezing and confiscation of assets utilized to commit acts of terrorism as well as address the plight of victims of terrorism. We believe the legislation will go a long way in strengthening national measures for the implementation of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy and Security Council Resolution 1373 and 1267.

Mr. Chairman,

Kenya has in the past been a victim of major terrorist attacks and has recently been experiencing a series of low intensity attacks since the Kenya Defence Forces joined the African Mission in Somalia (AMISOM) in efforts to restore peace and security in Somalia. Kenya continues to strengthen her existing structures to prevent and combat terrorism in all its forms and manifestation. These structures include the Anti-terrorism Police Unit under the Police Act, the National Counter-terrorism Centre, the Counter-terrorism Prosecution Unit as well as beefing up border and airport security. Kenya remains resolute in pursuing peace and security in the region and in the fight against terrorism.

Mr. Chairman,

As I earlier stated, the war against terrorism cannot be won by any individual State. It requires concerted collective action at all levels. In this regard, Kenya is working with the Africa Union's African Center for the Study and Research on Terrorism (ACSRT), the Intergovernmental Authority for Development (IGAD) and the East African Community (EAC). Kenya is also a member of the East and Southern Africa Anti-Money Laundering Group (ESAAMLG). Through these bodies we have been able to establish procedures for information gathering, processing and dissemination, develop capacity for early warning to encourage early response and conducted joint studies and analyses on the best strategies and methods for suppressing the financing of terrorism.

As I conclude **Mr. Chairman**, my delegation emphasizes that coordination of counter-terrorism measures within the United Nations system is crucial for greater effectiveness in the implementation of the UN Global Counter-terrorism Strategy.

I thank you.