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STATEMENT

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**SIXTH COMMITTEE
ON AGENDA ITEM 105**

**MEASURES TO ELIMINATE INTERNATIONAL
TERRORISM**

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Mr. Chairman,

First of all let me join the previous speakers in congratulating you on your election as the Chairman of this Committee. Our congratulations also go to other members of the Bureau.

I would also like to assure you that my delegation will fully cooperate with you so that this session would achieve desirable results.

Mozambique aligns itself with the statements delivered by the distinguished representatives of Cameroon on behalf of the African Group, Iran on behalf of the Non – Aligned Movement and Kazakhstan on behalf of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation.

Mr. Chairman,

Before I proceed, let me thank the Secretary-General for his report contain in document A/67/162 which, among other relevant issues, provides useful information on the measures adopted by Member States and the international community as a whole in the fight against terrorism.

Indeed, international terrorism is one of the most serious threats to international peace and security, undermining global efforts towards economic and social development and affecting the all stability of the world.

Mozambique strongly condemns terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, regardless of its motivation, wherever, whenever and by whomsoever committed.

We view terrorism as unjustifiable criminal act that should be prevented, prosecuted and punished. In this regard, the fight against terrorism remains one of our highest priorities.

Once again, I want to reiterate the position of my country in continuing to support the multilateral approach in the fight against terrorism and in advocating the central role of the United Nations as the unique universal political mechanism capable of preventing and combating international terrorism.

We firmly believe that in today's context where terrorists operate on a global scale, the dangers of terrorism can only be successful prevented and fought by strengthening collective international cooperation mechanisms through a worldwide multilateral effort.

Mr Chairman,

In compliance with Security Council relevant resolutions on terrorism, my country received in January 2012, a delegation from the Executive Counter Terrorism Committee of the United Nations Security Council. During two days we worked together and a final report was issued. In this regard, we want to express our satisfaction in relation to the manner how the work was conducted and the valuable recommendations contained in the report.

The report contains useful information and important recommendations that will enable my country to enhance and improve its strategy in the fight against terrorism.

We welcomed the role of the United Nations in helping developing countries to build their institutional national capacity in the field of combating terrorism.

Mr. Chairman,

While we strongly condemn acts against religious beliefs, we also condemn the incitement of violence using religious motivations as we also believe that no religion would condone acts of violence.

We must therefore pursue at national and international levels all appropriate measures to eliminate this scourge. In this regard, Mozambique urges to all Member States to show flexibility and spirit of compromise so that tangible progresses can be made in the debate and conclusion of the draft Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism.

Our inability to agree on a definition of terrorism represents a major failure and obstacle in the overall process. Mozambique's view is that a universally accepted legal definition of terrorism is crucial for ending impunity for the perpetrators of these heinous crimes and is crucial for improving the response of the international community to these disruptive and criminal acts of senseless violence.

Mr. Chairman

In conclusion, we would like to call upon all Member States to ratify and implement all UN counter-terrorism conventions which form the legal basis for international efforts to fight terrorism. We will only defeat

terrorism if we adopt a comprehensive and global approach to addressing its causes and manifestations. To this goal we need a genuine and united political will of the entire international community.

I thank you all.