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Thank you Mr. Chairman,

1. As this is our first statement, my delegation would like to take this opportunity to extend my sincere congratulations on your election as the chairman of the 6th committee. Congratulations also go to other members of the bureau as well. I am confident that discussions in this committee will be productive under your able leadership.
2. Our sincere appreciation goes to the Codification Division and Director Korontzis for your efforts in preparing this timely meeting.
3. The recent attacks in Nairobi, Kenya and Peshawar, Pakistan are the latest stark reminders that terrorism still remains a serious and ongoing threat to international peace and security. My delegation strongly condemns such terrorist attacks and expresses our sincere condolences to all victims of terrorism and their families.
4. We reiterate our firm condemnation of terrorism in all its forms. There is no cause that can justify these criminal acts disguised as political causes, wherever and by whomsoever.

5. We also wish to emphasize that the efforts to combat terrorism must be in accordance with obligations defined under international law and fundamental values such as the protection of human rights and the rule of law.
6. A comprehensive approach is essential to combat the scope and evolving nature of the terrorist threat. Terrorist organizations are becoming increasingly agile and are forming a nexus with other criminal operations, such as piracy, drug trafficking, kidnapping, and the illicit arms trade. In this regard, we support the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy (GCTS), which focuses on addressing each component of terrorism, namely terrorists, weapons, funding and networks.
7. We commend the tireless efforts of the Secretary-General and relevant UN organs, as they have played a key role in leading international cooperation in the fight against terrorism. As chair of the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004), we have been fully engaged with other important entities such as the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Committee (CTC) and its Executive Directorate (CTED), as well as The Count Terrorism Implementation Task Force (CTITF) in implementing the related Security Council resolutions, and many other initiatives, including capacity building.
8. We are of the view that the General Assembly needs to make every effort to reach an agreement on the Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism. In this vein, we note the report of the Ad Hoc Committee Meeting held from 8-12 April 2013 (A/68/37), and remain committed to working with other delegations.
9. We strongly believe that any high level conference should be considered in such a way as to contribute positively to the UN's efforts in counter-terrorism and be able to give impetus on the negotiations on the draft comprehensive convention.
10. We will continue to spare no effort to promote the strengthening of international counter-terrorism cooperation. This includes our continued support of developing countries in their capacity building as well as hosting the 2013 Seoul Conference on Cyberspace, to be held on 17-18 of October this year. This forum will be a timely and appropriate venue to address the trend of exploiting information technology to incite, recruit, and finance terrorist activities and to spread the message of extremism.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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