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Mr. Chairman,

Allow me from the outset to congratulate you for your election as the chair of this important Committee. My delegation is confident that, under your able leadership, the Sixth Committee will achieve tangible constructive results. We will accord you the necessary support in your endeavor in making it a success. We also congratulate other members of the Bureau for their elections. South Sudan aligns itself with the statement made by South Africa on behalf of the African Group.

Mr. Chairman,

Terrorism has become a serious threat to peaceful co-existence between societies and it threatens international peace and security. It knows no borders, no religion and no colour. The only common denomination in all terrorism acts is its menace and the devastation it inflicts upon human lives and its aftermath. My Government strongly rejects and condemns terrorism in all its forms and manifestation, committed by whomever, whatever, for whatever objective. We acknowledge that, the fight against terrorism is a protracted one that will take many years at the expense of national resources which could have been allocated to developmental programs. But with collective efforts, terrorism and those behind its evil ideology will eventually be defeated.

Mr. Chairman,

All actions in fighting terrorism must be in accordance with the provisions of the United Nations Charter and in observance of Human Rights, humanitarian and refugee law. We are all bound by our moral duty and legal obligations to address the global challenges posed by terrorism. We need to act in solidarity to fight terrorism and to promote global peace and security for the good of our nations.

Mr. Chairman,

My Government expresses serious concern on the slow pace of the consultations of the Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism. We believe that enough precious time has been wasted in defining terrorism, instead of focusing on a clear international strategic road map that requires our collective efforts to fight this menace. As we continue discussing and disagreeing on the semantics regarding

terrorism, more lives and property will be lost around the world due to act of terrorism.

Mr. Chairman,

Our Region of Africa and the Sub-region of East Africa have been equally devastated by several acts of terrorism and many lives have been lost unnecessarily. The memory of Westgate in our neighborly and sisterly country of Kenya is still fresh. And also the maiming and killing of innocent civilians in our neighborly Uganda and sometimes inside South Sudan by the LRA, has led to insecurity and displacement of many innocent civilians leaving their homes of origin and in search for more secure places.

However, it is not only the LRA and other terrorist organizations operating in our sub-region that pose the only threat to the security and stability of our nascent state. South Sudan is facing a new rebellion under the umbrella of the so called SPLM-IO. This rebel movement has continued since December 2013 to kill and maimed thousands of innocent civilians across the country, particularly in the towns of **Bor, Malakal and Bentiu**. Their methods of killing, and torturing innocent civilians are the same as those used by different terrorist organizations around the world. We call upon the International Community to condemn the SPLM-IO and no country should provide any safe havens for them.

Mr. Chairman,

An effective and robust fighting force against terrorism requires strong institutions and capacity. Although my Government works closely with UNMISS, we are extremely concerned by the recent mandate of UNMISS which has serious implications in service delivery to our people. The new mandate does not allow UNMISS to support requests from national, state and local partners for assistance in important activities

connected with capacity building of government's institutions including the security sector. This new mandate without a shadow of doubt will negatively affect the capacity of our security sector in fighting terrorist and hence we call upon local, international partners and the Security Council to continue assisting my Government in building the capacity of its institutions.

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