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## STATEMENT

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ON

**AGENDA ITEM 107: MEASURES TO ELIMINATE  
INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM  
(SIXTH COMMITTEE)**

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**Mr. Chairman,**

At the outset, let me join others who have spoken before me in congratulating you and the members of the bureau on your deserving elections. Allow me to assure you of my delegation's full cooperation and support throughout the work of the Committee.

My delegation associates itself with the statements delivered by the distinguished representative of South Africa on behalf of the Africa Group and Islamic Republic of Iran on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement.

**Mr. Chairman,**

The Republic of Zambia reiterates both its firm condemnation of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations as well as our commitment to the common fight to end terrorism. All acts of terrorism are criminal, inhumane and cannot be justified under international law. An unwavering and united effort by the international community is required in order to succeed in preventing these heinous acts that go against all laid principles of international human rights and humanitarian law. In this respect, we recognize the United Nations' central role in coordinating the efforts by member states in countering terrorism and strengthening the ability of states to prevent terrorist acts.

We express our firm support for United Nations efforts, as well as other multilateral bodies, aimed at developing practical tools to fight terrorism. In this regard, we take note of the Secretary-General's report contained in document A/69/209 and we would like commend the countries and United Nations agencies that submitted information on measures taken at the national and international levels to combat crimes connected with terrorism.

**Mr. Chairman,**

In-order to contribute to the work of the United Nations and the international community in ensuring that international terrorism in all its forms is

eliminated, Zambia has continued to develop and implement measures that will ensure that people and organisations that engage in terrorist activities do not find a safe haven within its territory. To this end, Zambia has enacted the following legislation:

- The Financial Intelligence Center Act number 46 of 2010;
- Prohibition and prevention of Money Laundering Act number 14 of 2001 (as amended by act no. 44 of 2010);
- Plea Negotiations and Agreements Act number 20 of 2010;
- Public Interest Disclosure (Protection of Whistle-Blowers) Act No. 4 of 2010;
- Anti-Corruption number 3 of 2012; and
- Forfeiture of the Proceeds of Crime Act number 19 of 2010.

These pieces of legislation complement the provisions of the Anti-Terrorism Act number 21 of 2007. Zambia is also working on establishing a national Counter-Terrorism Center to provide policy and administrative framework on anti-terrorism matters, including the implementation of the anti-terrorism act, the United Nations Convention on the Suppression of Financing of Terrorism and Security Council resolution 1267 and 1373 among others.

**Mr. Chairman**

We welcome the efforts of the United Nations to facilitate the promotion and protection of human rights and the rule of law while countering terrorism and to target financial measures to counter terrorism. We recognize the great success of the United Nations, through the work of this committee, in developing 18 universal instruments that establish a thorough legal framework for combating terrorism. the international community has also come together to conclude six new counterterrorism instruments, including a new convention

on nuclear terrorism and updated instruments which cover new and emerging threats to civil aviation, maritime navigation, and the protection of nuclear material.

**Mr. Chairman**

Zambia acknowledges the accomplishments of the international community in developing a robust legal counterterrorism, however, more remains much work to be done to ensure that these instruments are widely ratified and implemented. In this regard, we fully support efforts to promote ratification of these instruments, as well as efforts to promote their implementation. We draw particular attention to the six instruments – the 2005 International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism (Nuclear Terrorism Convention), the 2005 Amendment to the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material (amendment), the 2005 Protocols to the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts Against the Safety of Maritime Navigation (Protocols), and the 2010 Convention on the Suppression of Unlawful Acts relating to International Civil Aviation and its Protocol.

**Mr. Chairman**

Zambia welcomes the work of the **ad hoc** committee that was established pursuant to General Assembly Resolution 67/99 to continue elaborating the draft Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism. We recognize that, despite the best efforts of the Ad Hoc committee, negotiations remain at an impasse on current proposals. In this regard, we reiterate the importance of the conclusion of a comprehensive conversion on International Terrorism and would like to encourage all Member States to cooperate and show flexibility so that we move forward in coming up with a Comprehensive Convention on Terrorism.

**Mr. Chairman**

Zambia remains committed to work with other States to build upon and enhance the counterterrorism framework. We also call upon all the Member States to fully cooperate in the fight against terrorism, in accordance with International law.

**I thank you**