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On Agenda Item 108 **“Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism”**

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#### **Mr. Chairman**

On behalf of delegation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea(DPRK), I would like to extend my warm congratulations on your election as Chair of the Sixth Committee and hopes that under your able leadership the work of this Committee will bring a good result.

The DPRK aligns itself with a statement made by the representative of Islamic Republic of Iran on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement(NAM).

#### **Mr. Chairman,**

Terrorist acts are committed continuously in many parts of the world threatening international peace and security, and have been brought about serious concern of the international community.

Terrorist acts endanger regional and international security as well as territorial integrity and security of legitimately sovereign states and create adverse consequences on the economic and social development.

This reality demands that international community should further strengthen their joint efforts addressing terrorist acts which are reached on the extreme and dangerous track.

In this regard, the DPRK delegation would like to pay special attention to the following issues in international efforts combating terrorism.

First of all, it should give prior attention to eradicate State terrorism being disseminated under the pretext of “war on terrorism”

As seen by the reality, armed invasion and intervention against sovereign states such as Syrian incident being committed under the pretext of “war on terrorism” are bound to trigger off terrorism and retaliation thus causing large scale bloodshed massacres.

State terrorism constitute one of the most grave of the terrorist acts aimed at changing regime of a sovereign state and is the flagrant violation of the UN Charter and international law which are enshrined respect for sovereignty, sovereign equality and non-interference in internal affairs of the other nations.

Certain states, in their national interests, have categorized others as States sponsor terrorism by their own manner and imposed the sanctions and pressures on them. And they resort continuously to overthrowing the legitimate governments by never hesitating to give support to the armed terrorist groups against their government.

Such state terrorism is the product of negative attitude and hostile policy against the other states and nations undertaken by the certain states.

Negative attitude against other states and nations has been presenting the hostile policy of the US against the DPRK suffocating our government by itself.

State terrorism could not be justified whatever and in any cases the combat to terrorism should not be misused by certain states and forces in pursuing with their political objectives.

Proceeding from this, we assert that the comprehensive convention on international anti-terrorism, which is now under preparation, should not fail to cover the issue of eradication of state terrorism.

Secondly, it should give duly attention to uprooting the cause of terrorism.

Terrorism is put the root on the domination and interference, poverty and social inequality, discrimination of race and religion so on.

Without eradication of the root of terrorism, international efforts to combat terrorism could not be yielded engaged destination and eradicated completely all forms of terrorism in the globe.

It is from this point of view that the DPRK delegation supports the proposal to convene a UN high-level meeting on terrorism, considering that it's a good proposal which can contribute to take common countermeasures to remove the main source of terrorism.

**Mr. Chairman,**

The government of the DPRK is standing consistently by the position opposing terrorism in all forms and manifestations and any assistance to them.

It's been a long time for us to be exposed to successive terrorist threats aimed at toppling state social system. Therefore anti-terrorism poses itself as an important issue in defending sovereignty and people's life and security.

The government of the DPRK has signed major international conventions on anti-terrorism including "International Convention For Suppression Of Financial Support To Terrorism" and is accordingly amending and supplementing relevant national laws and taking an active part in their international efforts in the field of the combating terrorism.

Nowadays, we have built up the national coordinating committee for suppression of the money laundering and financial support to terrorism and are engaged in the implementation of the action plan in conformity with international interiors and sincerely undertaking.

It is the manifestation of political will of the government proceeding from the consistent position with a view stepping up international cooperation for combating terrorism.

The government of the DPRK will do our part, joining the international community in the efforts to completely terminate terrorist acts globally and build a peaceful and stable world.

I thank you.