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**Mr. Chairman**

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

My delegation wishes to clarify the principled position of the DPRK Government on terrorism, taking note of the Secretary General's report on Measures to eliminate international terrorism presented to this meeting.

**Mr. Chairman**

Today, the refugee crisis raised in its worst form in the international arena goes beyond regional boundaries to have grave consequences on the peace and security of the EU and the world.

One cannot but ask a question where lies the source of this crisis.

Up to now, there continue the aggression, intervention and killing atrocities against sovereign states under the pretext of "war on terror".

The "war on terror" launched with armed aggression on Afghanistan brought about the vicious cycle of terrorism, resulting in the emergence of extremist violent groups like ISIL/Da'esh.

The United States designate those anti-US countries as state sponsors of terrorism at will according to its own interests to apply sanctions and pressure on them and resorts to the acts of

overthrowing their systems, while supporting overtly and covertly the anti-government terrorist groups.

It proves that the root cause of the refugee crisis of today lies in the acts of state terrorism committed under the disguise of the "war on terror".

As is shown, the "war on terror" committed by the US is an act of state terrorism aimed at regime change of the anti-US countries as well as a new hybrid of aggressive war maneuvers.

State terrorism cannot be justified with anything. In no case, should the "war on terror" be abused as a tool for pursuit of political objectives of certain states and forces.

We should pay due attention to eliminating the root cause of terrorism to ensure that the counter-terrorism truly makes contribution to peace and security of the world.

The arbitrariness and high-handedness, double standards and injustice of some specific countries that trample on the sovereignty and the right to existence of other countries and nations are giving rise to terrorism and violent extremism.

International efforts to eliminate the root cause of terrorism should be oriented to ensuring fair settlement of international issues including the counter-terrorism and other disputes.

**Mr. Chairman,**

It is a consistent stand of the DPRK government to oppose all forms of terrorism or any assistance to it.

Proceeding from this stand, my government acceded to the major international conventions on terrorism including the "International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism."

Most recently, it has entered into the "United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime" with the main purpose of combating the organized crimes such as money laundering and financing of terrorism.

It is the demonstration of political will of the DPRK government to strengthen international cooperation on the issue of countering terrorism.

The DPRK government will, in the future, too, discharge its responsibilities and duties to fundamentally eliminate terrorism in all their forms and manifestations and to ensure peace and security of the Korean peninsula and the world.

Thank you.