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## **STATEMENT TO BE DELIVERED**

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**ON AGENDA ITEM 108: MEASURES TO ELIMINATE**  
**INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM AT THE SIXTH COMMITTEE OF**  
**THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, TUESDAY, 4TH OCTOBER, 2016**

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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 election and to assure you of my delegation's cooperation throughout this session. My delegation aligns itself with the statement delivered by the distinguished representatives of Iran and South Africa, on behalf of the Non Aligned Movement and the Africa group.

**Mr. Chairman,**

The threat of terrorism has risen to levels requiring member states to confront and address it with all the resources at our disposal. In our sub-region, the presence of Boko Haram in North-Eastern Nigeria and the Chad basin has displaced millions of people and claimed thousands of lives. The attacks in Mali, Burkina Faso and Cote d'Ivoire indicate that we are all at risk and there is no doubt that terrorism has become one of the gravest threats to world peace and security. As is well known, there have been incidents in Bangladesh, Belgium, France, Germany, Indonesia, Lebanon, Pakistan, the Russian Federation, Turkey and the United States, the widespread of which calls for a united action to address this scourge.

My delegation welcomes the initiatives that have been taken in the confines of the United Nations to address terrorism and calls for cooperation at all levels. Ghana also welcomes the work done so far by the Ad hoc Committee

in drafting a comprehensive convention on international terrorism and reiterates the importance of concluding a comprehensive convention for combating international terrorism. My delegation wishes to encourage all states to cooperate in resolving the outstanding issues related to the convention.

**Mr. Chairman,**

Ghana on its part has taken steps to institute and strengthen laws and regulations which seek to criminalise terrorist acts such as related to financing of terrorist activities, support for terrorist acts, harbouring persons committing terrorist acts, provision of training and instruction to terrorist groups, incitement , promotion or solicitation of property for a terrorist act, provision of facilities to support a terrorist act and ensuring that all acts related to the commission of any terrorist acts will be punished.

**Mr. Chairman,**

In closing, My delegation wishes to call for support in the area of building the capacity of member states to improve and ensure effective implementation of the various counter terrorism initiatives and related resolutions, thereby addressing terrorism in all shape and form in all countries, for terrorist acts have no boundaries and its effects are experienced by all states.

I thank you.