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**Statement by Mr. Nirmal Raj Kafle, Deputy Permanent Representative of Permanent Mission of Nepal to the United Nations, on Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism (agenda item 108) at the Sixth Committee of the Seventy-First Session of the General Assembly
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Mr. Chairman

At the outset, let me join other delegates in congratulating you and the members of the bureau on your deserving election. Allow me to assure you of my delegation's full support and cooperation throughout the work of the Committee.

Nepal associates itself with the statement delivered by Iran on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement.

My delegation also thanks the Secretary-General for his report on the measures to eliminate international terrorism.

Mr. Chairman,

Terrorism is a serious global threat which challenges the maintenance of international peace and security; disrupts social structures of nations; endangers territorial integrity, threatens the stability and order of States and destabilizes legitimately constituted governments. Nepal strongly and unequivocally condemns terrorism in all its forms and manifestations wherever, whenever and for whatever purposes it occurs and whoever commits, and calls for resolute international actions in the fight against terrorism.

It has always been a principled policy of Nepal not to let anyone use its soil against any country. We also believe that while there can be no justification for terrorism, its underlying root causes must be addressed in order to effectively do away with the scourge of terrorism.

In recent years, terrorist groups have increased their acts of violence. Under such circumstance, Nepal calls for strict observance of the Charter of the United Nations and other international laws including international human rights law, humanitarian law and refugee law while countering terrorism.

Nepal also commends the effort of the United Nations to deal with this global menace. There are 13 major international instruments and a number of UN Security Council resolutions, including the resolutions 1267, 1373, and 1540, which create reporting and implementation obligations on the part of member states with regard to the curbing of terrorist activities. Nepal is a party to 6 international anti-terrorism instruments as well as SAARC Regional Convention on the

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The General Assembly has thoughtfully adopted a Plan of Action to Prevent Violent Extremism in February 2016 which calls for a comprehensive approach encompassing not only essential security-based counter-terrorism measures but also systematic preventive steps to address the underlying conditions. The Plan appeals for concerted action by the international community, with recommendations to prevent the further spread of violent extremism.

My delegation believes that the proposal to convene a high level international conference under the auspices of the United Nations in order to formulate a joint organised response of the international community to fight against terrorism should be considered positively. Nepal also supports the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy and has been implementing it. Nepal stresses an early conclusion of a Comprehensive Convention against international terrorism. We need to reach on achieving international legal definition of terrorism.

We need to promote the culture of peace, condemn all kinds of discrimination and promote culture of celebrating cultural, religious and political diversity and respect for humanity. We are worried that an increasing number of young people are being recruited for terrorism. Terrorists should never be viewed as freedom fighters.

Nepal views that state capacity should be built and the role of the UN System should be strengthened while ensuring the measures to respect for human rights for all, women and children in particular. We need to suppress the financing of terrorism and organised crime, including through judicial cooperation, legal assistance and information sharing.

To conclude, Nepal would like to reiterate a need to embark on concrete collective measures to counter terrorism in collaboration with Member States, international organizations and civil society.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.