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**STATEMENT**

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**INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM**

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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 statement delivered by the distinguished representative of South Africa on behalf of the African Group and the Islamic Republic of Iran on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement.

**Mr. Chairman,**

Terrorism is "a scourge" to the world community and threatens peace and stability everywhere. No country alone, can curb the scourge of terrorism, and thus calls for coordination efforts and information sharing, if the vice is to be eliminated

Zambia has always condemned in a stronger manner, all forms of terrorism and their manifestations, as well as all acts, methods and practices of terrorism. All acts of terrorism are criminal, inhumane and cannot be justified under international law.

We believe all countries share common interests in combating terrorism, whether they are developed or developing countries, large or small, permanent members or non-permanent members of the Security Council, should all unite to fight the growing threat of terrorism. Our common interests certainly far outweigh our differences.

We believe the United Nations offers the best framework for a sustainable campaign against terrorism, while at the same time being respectful of the principles of freedom, justice and human dignity and religious tolerance. In this regard, we take note of the Secretary-General's report contained in **document A/71/182**. We would also like to commend 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**

Zambia continues to work with the international community in combating terrorism in all its forms. To this end, the Zambian Government is pursuing measures intended to suppress terrorism through various actions, including taking appropriate national legislative reforms and implementing the various anti-terrorism treaties.

In 2015, the Zambian Government enacted the Anti-Terrorism (Amendment) Act, No.2 of 2015, which established the National Counter-Terrorism Centre. The national anti-terrorism center provides, *inter alia*, policy and administrative framework mechanisms to enable implementation of the provisions 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.

Furthermore, Zambia has established a strong Anti- Money Laundering and Financing of Terrorism framework which promotes financial integrity and makes it difficult to conceal illegal activities. Zambia has also established Financial Intelligence Center, a sole designated agency responsible for the receipt, requesting, analysing and disseminating of the disclosure of suspicious transaction reports to Law Enforcement Agencies and other foreign designated authorities.

**Mr. Chairman**

Zambia recognises that while the accomplishments of the international community in developing a robust legal counterterrorism instruments are significant, there remains much work to be done to ensure that these instruments are widely ratified and implemented. The Zambian Government on its part has initiated the internal approval processes necessary in order to ratify the pending Conventions relating to combating of terrorism such as , United Nations Convention on Terrorism Financing; Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of crimes against Internationally Protected Persons Including Diplomatic Agents; and International Convention against Taking Hostages.

Zambia regrets the failure of this committee to conclude a Comprehensive Convention for Combating International Terrorism. We recognize that, despite the best efforts of the **Working Group**, negotiations remain at an impasse on current proposals. In this regard, we reiterate the importance of the conclusion of a comprehensive convention and we 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**

As I conclude, I wish to remind the international community that despite the best efforts made so far, the fight against terrorism remains a challenge, particularly in developing countries, due to limited capacity induced by scarcity of resources to support relevant institutions and mechanisms. We therefore call upon the international community to render technical assistance to facilitate the enhancement and strengthening of institutions dealing with terrorism.

Finally, I wish to reiterate that Zambia remains committed to working 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 the International law.

**I thank you.**