

**Statement by Ms. Catherine Boucher (Canada), Coordinator of the draft resolution on “Measures to eliminate international terrorism” (item 109)**

**Introduction of draft resolution A/C.6/72/L.14 on behalf of the Bureau**

Thank you, Mr. Chair.

Mr. Chair,

Today I have the honour to introduce, on behalf of the Bureau, the draft resolution contained in document A/C.6/72/L.14, entitled “Measures to eliminate international terrorism.”

The text of the draft resolution reflects the outcome of our discussions during the informal consultations, as well as of bilateral contacts. The resolution of last year, namely A/RES/71/151 of 13 December 2016, served as a basis for the text. In addition to technical updates, the draft resolution includes two new preambular paragraphs, one additional operative paragraph, and two amended operative paragraphs. I will focus my remarks on such preambular and operative paragraphs that would be new or would be amended.

Fittingly, the draft resolution, through a preambular paragraph and an operative paragraph welcomes the establishment of the Office of Counter-Terrorism as decided in resolution 71/291 of 15 June 2017 and the initiative of the Secretary-General to transfer the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force Office and the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre out of the Department of Political Affairs of the Secretariat and into the Office of Counter-Terrorism. The draft resolution also includes technical amendments to an operative paragraph to reflect the new structure.

The draft resolution includes a new preambular paragraph noting the importance of continuing to strive towards achieving a world free of terrorism.

Finally, the draft resolution includes amendments to an operative paragraph to recognize the valuable dialogue of Member States towards resolving any outstanding issues discussed under the mandate of the working group established with a view to finalizing the process on the draft comprehensive convention on international terrorism as well as discussions on the item included in its agenda by Assembly resolution 54/110 concerning the question of convening a high-level conference under the auspices of the United Nations.

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Mr. Chair,

This concludes my introduction of draft resolution A/C.6/72/L.14 and I commend it to the Sixth Committee for adoption without a vote. I thank most sincerely the delegations for their cooperation and support.