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**Mr. Chairman**

At the outset, I would like to congratulate you and the members of the Bureau of this Committee on your election.

The Democratic People's Republic of Korea(DPRK) aligns itself with a statement made by the representative of the 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 (documents A/72/111 and A/72/111/Add.1) presented to this meeting.

**Mr. Chairman,**

Today, the issue of terrorism is not restricted to a particular region, rather it is a serious matter that immensely affects the global peace and security.

At the UNGA held in June last year, the resolution to establish the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Office was unanimously passed. This clearly shows the great concern of the international community towards the fight against terrorism.

The establishment of the Counter-Terrorism Office completed the framework of international organization which can implement the Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy and can effectively control the cooperation of countries in the fields of counter-terrorism.

**Mr. Chairman,**

The most important thing in fighting against terrorism is to clearly analyze the root cause of terrorism and to strengthen the cooperation of the international community based on that clear

assessment.

The main reason international terrorism is not yet annihilated is because a particular country is using the “counter-terrorism” agenda to seek its selfish political interests, gravely undermining world peace and security.

Under the excuse of “fighting against terrorism” the U.S. has openly committed and continues to commit endless aggression, interference, and massacre against sovereign states around the world.

Just like a chameleon changes its colors, the U.S. frequently changed the pretext of “counter-terrorism” and “non-proliferation” according to its need, and used them to overthrow legitimate governments in Afghanistan, Iraq and Libya one by one by waging military attacks on those countries.

Now the U.S. is scheming to overthrow the legitimate government of Syria, by continuously stretching out its claws of aggression into the internal war of that country, under the pretext of “counter-terrorism”.

From 2011 to September 2016, the merciless bombing by the counter-terrorism coalition led by the U.S. turned the half of the population in Syria into refugees.

As a result of the “war on terror” conducted by the U.S., today the total number of refugees worldwide reached over 65 million and the terrorism and refugees are the most eminent threat facing the international community.

As it is well-known, the essence of the “war on terror” by the U.S. is a state terrorism with the purpose of regime change in countries that are not favorable to the U.S. and a new form of war of aggression that gives the humankind nothing but disaster and misfortune.

In May, a group of heinous terrorists who infiltrated into our country on the orders of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency and the south Korea's National Intelligence Service with the purpose of carrying out a state-sponsored terrorism against our supreme headquarters using biological and chemical substance were caught and exposed. This palpably shows the true nature of the U.S. as the main culprit behind terrorism.

It is an undeniable reality that the “war on terror” by the U.S. overthrew legitimate governments and those countries were turned into seats of terrorism where different terrorist forces place themselves and hotbed of terrorism severely threatening the world peace and security.

The inveterate disapproval of other countries and nations, the extreme impertinence, interference into internal affairs and use of force aimed at regime changes and state-sponsored terrorism of the U.S. are the root cause of terrorism

Without clearly analyzing the cause of the issue one cannot find the solution to the issue, likewise, trying to fight terrorism without the correct analysis of the cause of terrorism is tantamount to building a castle in the sky.

In this regard, the international community should clarify the root cause of terrorism and every country should maintain sharp vigilance not to fall victim to the “war on terror” conducted by the U.S. in rampant violation of the U.N. Charter and international laws.

**Mr. Chairman,**

It is a consistent stand of the DPRK government to oppose terrorism in all its forms and manifestation and any support to it.

The DPRK government has acceded to several international conventions on counter-terrorism including the "International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism" and "United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime".

The DPRK government will continue to fulfill its responsibility to root out all forms of terrorism and to preserve peace and security of the Korean peninsula and the world.

I thank you.