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STATEMENT

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ON

“MEASURES TO ELIMINATE INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM”
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Mr. Chairman,

At the outset, let me congratulate you and other members of the Bureau on your election. We appreciate the excellent manner in which you are directing the work of the Committee. Sierra Leone aligns itself with the statements delivered by Iran and Algeria on behalf of the Non-aligned Movement and the African Group respectively. My delegation takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on measures to eliminate international terrorism.

As the global agenda underscores the important linkages between peace, security and development which we must uphold and preserve for present and succeeding generations, we must intensify our efforts to combat transnational crime including terrorism and the rise of radicalization that continue to rear their ugly heads in the global domain. Globalization to all intents and purposes, has made it impossible for any country to remain isolated and free from the threat of terrorism if they occur anywhere. This is why it is important to emphasize that a terrorist threat should never be perceived as a problem of only one country or region or just a few. We have consistently condemned terrorism in all its forms and manifestations. Let me reiterate Sierra Leone's unequivocal condemnation of the indiscriminate terrorist attacks globally.

Sierra Leone wishes to reaffirm the importance to continue working closely not only to improve the Global Counter Terrorism Strategy but also to step up efforts aimed at addressing the problem through the effective implementation of regional and national counter terrorism and de-radicalization programs. In ensuring the implementation of ECOWAS counterterrorism strategy for instance, the Government of Sierra Leone continues to undertake measures including information dissemination through press conferences, television discussion programmes and workshops. The Government of Sierra Leone also continues to strengthen collaboration with inter-religious organizations to the extent that religious leaders have embarked on timely nationwide sensitization campaigns to delink religion from terrorism while stressing the importance of sustaining peace.

We implore the need to achieve consensus on the draft comprehensive convention on international terrorism. We reaffirm our support for the proposal regarding the convening of a high-level conference under the auspices of the United Nations in further articulating an international response to terrorism. We also welcome the

imperative to be proactive in preventing violent extremism. This, we believe can be achieved by constantly engaging all member of society including non-state actors; the youth and the disadvantaged through timely intelligence sharing and outright condemnation of the act.

I thank you for your attention.