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**STATEMENT
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ON**

**AGENDA ITEM 109:
MEASURES TO ELIMINATE INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM**

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Mr. Chairman,

Allow me to join other distinguished speakers in congratulating you and the members of the bureau on your well-deserved election. We also congratulate Mr. Vladimir Ivanovich Voronkov on his appointment as Under-Secretary-General of the Office of Counter-Terrorism.

The Zambian delegation aligns itself with the statements delivered by the distinguished representatives of the African Group and of the Non-Aligned Movement.

Zambia unreservedly condemns all acts, methods and practices of terrorism in all their forms and manifestations, irrespective of the motivation, regardless of where they occur or by whom they are perpetrated. We will continue to fulfil our obligations under international law by supporting all counter-terrorism measures adopted by relevant regional groups, mechanisms and the international community that are consistent with the UN Charter, and we hope soon, under a Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism.

Mr. Chairman,

Zambia has continued to make positive strides in its implementation of counter-terrorism conventions and related UN resolutions. Since the amendment of the Anti-Terrorism Act in 2015, Government has issued regulations to implement UN Security Council Resolutions 1267 and 1373 and their successor resolutions. These resolutions require countries to freeze funds, assets and economic resources of individuals and entities connected to terrorism and terrorist financing. In addition, the government has also ratified four of the nine UN conventions aimed at countering terrorist financing and hoping to ratify all nine in due course.

In the recently-launched Seventh National Development Plan 2017-2021, the Government introduced an integrated (multi-sectoral) approach to development. In this vein, government institutions responsible for security are undergoing a transformative process that ensures a coordinated, harmonized and integrated strategy in the fight against terrorism and related crimes. The National Counter-Terrorism Center, which is mandated to establish a fusion cell for an inter-agency intelligence service that collects, analyses and acts on activities related to terrorism, is supported by a specially trained counter-terrorism force drawn from the Zambian Army, Air Force, police, intelligence and prison services. On the other hand, the Financial Intelligence Centre (FIC)—a statutory agency solely dedicated to providing timely, high quality,

impartial and actionable financial intelligence to law enforcement agencies and foreign designated authorities—collaboratively works to ensure the elimination of financial crimes in Zambia.

On September 22, 2017, the government launched the FIC's first *National Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing Risk Assessment Report for 2016*, which provides comprehensive details covering the country's status on money laundering and terrorist financing risks and sets the basis on which the government and other stakeholders should address identified challenges and weaknesses. The report shows that money laundering risk in Zambia is at medium high while terrorist financing risk is medium low. An action plan has since been developed to assist both government and the private sector to prioritise their combined efforts to mitigate money laundering and terrorist financing risks.

Mr. Chairman,

In closing, I wish to reiterate the need for the international community to combine efforts to deal decisively with this scourge, including the provision of technical support to developing countries to enhance and strengthen their institutions dealing with terrorism.

Allow me, therefore, to quote from Sun Tzu, the celebrated Chinese military strategist's 2,500-year-old book: *"The Art of War"*—

- *There are not more than five musical notes, yet the combinations of these five give rise to more melodies than can ever be heard;*
- *There are not more than five primary colours, yet in combination they produce more hues than can ever been seen;*
- *There are not more than five cardinal tastes, yet combinations of them yield more flavours than can ever be tasted.*

May I respectfully add one more line to Sun Tzu's genius:

There are not more than five regional groups in the UN, yet in combination we can eliminate terrorism in all its forms; in combination, we can give rise to peace, security, stability and sustainable development throughout the world.

I thank you.