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Mr. Chairman,

Let me congratulate you and the members of the bureau for a well-deserved election. I also wish to take this opportunity to thank the Secretary General for his report.

My delegation aligns itself to the statements delivered by the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement and the Republic of the Gambia on behalf of the African Group.

Mr. Chairman,

Combating terrorism is undeniably a global responsibility. No country can claim immunity from the savages of this global threat. We are witnessing harrowing images of terror almost every day, indiscriminately perpetrated against innocent civilians around the world. We are also observing the endemic spread of terror networks and ideology, including through contemporary medium of communication. The recurrence of terrorist attacks should solidify our resolve to deny them a sanctuary.

Most of these dangerous groups and individuals have taken advantage of our porous borders and interconnected international systems of finance and communications. This has extended the global reach of various terrorist groups, some focusing on national political dynamics, while others pursue a wider multinational agenda.

Mr. Chairman,

Tanzania acknowledges the central role of the United Nations in coordinating counter-terrorism efforts. We note with appreciation that this matter has continued to receive the high priority it deserves from the United Nation, however, we need to do more and do so expeditiously.

Mr. Chairman,

Tanzania has taken a number of administrative and legislative measures to eliminate international terrorism. The measures are in line with the four pillars of the Global Counter - Terrorism Strategy. These measures include:

1) Administrative Measures (Deterrence)

These measures comprise of the enactment of laws such as the Prevention of Terrorism Act (POTA) No.21 of 2002 and its Regulations of 2012; the Anti Money Laundering Act No. 12 of 2006 and its Regulations of 2013.

2) Establishment of Units for Countering and Prevention of Terrorism

These are units with specific responsibilities formed for countering and prevention of terrorism. These units include: the National Counter Intelligence Centre (NCTC) for coordination of efforts; Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) for investigation of financial transactions; National Task Force for field operations and investigation; Anti-Terrorism Extremism and Radicalization (ATE& R) for investigation and record keeping and finally Crisis Response Team (CRT) for rapid response to terror acts.

3) Preventive Measures

These measures include introduction to Community Policing Strategy for outreach. This strategy aims to reach remote areas where Police stations are not available and solicit community collaborations with police to solve emerging crimes in the locality including radicalization and violent extremism. The program involves the deployment of police officers to grassroots level of local administration; District - Division- Ward - Village- Street- Ten Cell Leadership in which they work together in solving all social problems including emerging crimes.

- 4) Other inclusive community efforts include, soliciting religious institutions to form religious group forums which bring together cleric leaders of interfaith for dialogues and discussions in communities on issues pertaining to peace, security and safety. These dialogues are also used as platforms to detect any emerging threat within the communities.

Mr. Chairman

At the regional and international levels, Tanzania is a party to nine Universal Counter Terrorism instruments and one regional instrument. This grouping enhances the country to gain new skills/expertise, exchange of knowledge and information sharing with partner states by engaging in various forums. The Commission for Human Rights and Good Governance of Tanzania is also in place to observe human rights and rule of law in all measures to eliminate international terrorism.

Mr. Chairman

The fight against terrorism is not an overnight task, therefore co-ordination, co-operation, intelligence sharing and capacity building between countries, regions and international organizations are needed in the efforts to eliminate international terrorism.

Lastly, Tanzania stands ready to work actively with other delegations to achieve consensus regarding the draft comprehensive convention on international terrorism and remains committed in the fight against terrorism in all its forms and manifestations.

I thank you.