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On Agenda Item 109 **"Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism"**
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Mr. Chairman,

To begin with, my delegation would like to congratulate you as Chair of this important Committee as well as other elected members of the Bureau. Please be assured that my delegation is ready to provide support and cooperation to you during the 74th session of the General Assembly.

My delegation aligns itself with the statement delivered by the delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement, and makes the following statement in its national capacity.

Mr. Chairman,

Even this year, bloody terrorist acts remain unabated and replicated in different parts of the world, which is rousing serious concerns of the international community.

Terrorist acts such as the one occurred on January 15, 2019 in Nairobi, Kenya have spilled over to not only developing countries like Nigeria, Afghanistan and Sri Lanka but also even to developed countries like New Zealand, thus inflicting immeasurable trauma and agony on the world populations.

Five years have passed since the emergence of the "Islamic State", a notorious terrorist organization in the Middle East. However, it aggravates the situation in conflict areas while struggling to survive.

What is concerning is that terrorist acts are rapidly spreading across the world in such a way to seriously jeopardize the world peace and security and the international cooperation to combat terrorism is not largely effective in view of the gravity of such terrorist acts.

Bilateral and multilateral efforts to combat terrorism have been intensified more than ever, backed by a number of multilateral conventions, agreements and instruments on counter-terrorism as well as the UN Office of Counter-Terrorism and the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy within the UN system. However, there is little tangible success.

It raises a question as to why the collective and ceaseless counter-terrorism efforts fail to bring about a desired result.

This question should be correctly answered and its cause be eliminated as early as possible.

In this regard, it is worth recalling that former Prime Minister of one country asserted last year that the formation of "Islamic State" as of today has been triggered by the armed invasion of a specific country against Iraq.

That country, which mounted armed invasions against Iraq and Libya, is now stretching its tentacles deep into the internal conflicts of Syria under the signboard of "counter-terrorism" and leaving no stone unturned for "regime change" by supporting terrorist forces one way or the other.

A tell tale evidence is the recently uncovered terrorists' depot of military hardware such as drones, missiles and shells supplied by that country during counter-terrorism military operations in the southern part of Syria.

State-sponsored terrorist acts aimed at overthrowing legitimate governments are also committed in other parts of the world.

State-sponsored terrorist acts aimed at "regime change" in a sovereign state constitute a flagrant violation of the Charter of the United Nations which stipulates the principles of respect for sovereign equality, non-interference in internal affairs as well as international law.

As is widely known, state-sponsored terrorism is the underlying cause of hatching and proliferating terrorist acts in a continual way today.

Without removing such root cause of terrorism, counter-terrorism efforts on an international scale will not achieve desired objectives or put an end to terrorism once and for all.

Furthermore, the international fight against terrorism presents itself as an urgent task to create a peaceful environment for meeting 2030 Sustainable Development Goals as well.

Mr. Chairman,

The government of the DPRK consistently maintains its position on opposing acts of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations and the support thereto.

We have long been subjected to continued threats of state-sponsored terrorism by the hostile forces aimed at overthrowing our state and social systems. As such, counter-terrorism is an important issue for us as it is related to safeguarding the sovereignty and protecting the life and security of our people.

The delegation of the DPRK takes this opportunity to express full support to and solidarity with the government and people of Syria in their struggle to defend the territorial integrity of the country.

We also extend unreserved support to the government and people of Venezuela in their efforts to end interference by external forces and safeguard the national sovereignty.

The government of the DPRK will, in the future, too, fulfill its responsibility and obligations to fundamentally eliminate all forms of terrorism and ensure peace and security on the Korean peninsula and the world at large.

Thank you.