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*On Agenda Item 112 “**Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism**”*

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Mr. Chairman,

To begin with, my delegation wishes to congratulate you on your election as Chairman of the Committee and expresses hope that your able leadership will guide this Committee to a successful conduct of its work.

My delegation aligns itself with the statement delivered by the delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran on behalf of the Non-aligned Movement.

Mr. Chairman,

Today, elimination of terrorism committed in various parts of the world disturbing global peace and security represents one of the pressing issues to be solved by the international community in its efforts to achieve the 2030 SDGs.

Terrorist acts not only destroy regional and international stability and but also

threaten the territorial integrity and security of sovereign states and create great obstacles in their socio-economic development.

Such reality requires the international community to make redoubled efforts to jointly cope with challenges in the fields of international counter-terrorism.

In this regard, my delegation is of the view that the following issues deserve special attention in the global fight against terrorism.

First of all, priority should be given to putting an end to the terrorist acts against sovereign states.

Failure to eradicate the state-sponsored terrorism aimed at regime change on the worldwide scale is attributable to a specific country which is engrossed in aggression, intervention and mass killings against sovereign states, abusing counter-terrorism for attainment of its politico-economic objectives in pursuit of hegemony.

Under the pretext of "freedom and democracy" and "counter-terrorism", the US attacked and overthrew the legitimate governments of Iraq, Afghanistan and Libya with armed forces, thus plunging these countries into an inescapable vicious circle of terrorism and retaliation.

The US acts clearly constitute state-sponsored terrorism and infringement of sovereignty in blatant violation of the UN Charter and international law that stipulate the principles of respect for sovereignty and non-interference in other's internal affairs.

My delegation holds once again that the draft comprehensive international convention on counter-terrorism under discussion should explicitly provide for the measures to eliminate the state-sponsored terrorism.

Next, double standards should not be allowed in the fight against terrorism.

Double standards in combating terrorism represent harmful acts as they hamper the joint efforts of the international community to completely eliminate terrorism on the globe and ferment distrust and discord among nations.

Behaving like a "judge on terrorism" on the international arena, the US connives at the terrorist acts of its allies or followers, but it imposes sanctions and pressure upon the offending independent states against it, branding them as "state sponsors of terrorism" of its own accord.

The U.S. inveterate denial of the DPRK is reflected in its hostile policy against us as it stands now.

The U.S. re-designated our country as a "state sponsor of terrorism" in the "Country Terrorism Report 2020" released in December 2021.

To make clear, such designation is an illegal and unlawful political provocation of special magnitude without any reason or justification.

The US is the "ringleader of international terrorism" that commits acts of state-sponsored terrorism without hesitation infringing upon the sovereignty of independent countries and provides shelter for the international terror criminals to move freely. Such being the case, it is the extreme manifestation of hypocrisy and impudence for the US to label other countries as "state sponsor of terrorism".

The international community should thoroughly reject double standards in the fight against terrorism and support and cooperate to remove the root cause of terrorism.

Mr, Chairman,

It is the consistent stand of the government of the DPRK to oppose terrorism in all its forms and manifestations and any support thereto.

Proceeding from this position, the DPRK acceded to major international conventions on counter-terrorism including the "International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism" and the "United Nations Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime" and joins in the international efforts to fight terrorism by amending and supplementing related domestic laws and submitting reports on their implementation to the relevant organs of the UN.

The government of the DPRK will, in the future, too, discharge its responsibilities and duties to eliminate terrorism of all types and safeguard peace and stability on the Korean peninsula and beyond.

Thank you.