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Statement by H.E. Mr. Amrit Bahadur Rai, Permanent Representative of Nepal to the United Nations at the 77th Session of the Sixth Committee of the UN General Assembly on Agenda Item 112: *Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism*

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Mr. Chair

At the outset, I would like to congratulate you on your election as the Chair of the 77th Session of the Sixth Committee of the United Nations General Assembly.

I assure you of my delegation's full support throughout the session.

Thanks are due to the outgoing Chair and Bureau members for their commendable work during the 76th Session.

I would like to associate myself with the statement delivered by the distinguished representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran, on behalf of the Non-Alignment Movement.

I would like to thank the Secretary-General for his comprehensive report on this agenda item.

Mr. Chair,

The scourge of terrorism not only decimates international peace and security, human rights, development and fundamental freedoms but also threatens the territorial integrity of States.

The act of terrorism cannot be justified under any pretext. It is the cruelest and most destructive form of crime against humanity.

Combating terrorism is the collective responsibility of the international community.

While we fight against terrorism, we should also focus on addressing the drivers and the root causes of terrorism such as poverty, social inequality, political exclusion, dispossession and lack of good governance. Similarly, we need to promote dialogue, tolerance and understanding among civilizations, cultures, and religions to promote mutual respect and peaceful coexistence.

Mr. Chair,

Nepal reiterates its unequivocal condemnation against all acts, methods, and practices of terrorism in all its forms and manifestation, committed by whoever, wherever and for whatsoever purposes.

Committing the act of terrorism is a flagrant violation of the principles and purposes of the United Nations.

Those responsible for such heinous acts of terrorism must be brought to justice.

We cannot afford to have double standards in the matter of terrorism.

Clear and universal definition of terrorism encompassing new and emerging threats is crucial to reinforce the foundation of global counter-terrorism architecture.

Member States should redouble their efforts to have a comprehensive convention on international terrorism. It will fulfil the need of a comprehensive and universal legal framework for the elimination of terrorism.

We all have to make efforts to implement all General Assembly and Security Council resolutions on measures to eliminate international terrorism. We have to strengthen cooperation to respond to transnational organized crimes such as drug trafficking, unlawful arms trade, money laundering and smuggling of harmful substances.

The global efforts must be ramped up to curb the misuse of new and emerging information and communication technologies for the purpose of international terrorism and transnational organized crimes.

Timely exchange of intelligence information and effective use of the database of the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL) is crucial to curtailing terrorism as well as transnational organized crimes.

We stress on continued financial and technological assistance to developing countries to build their capacities in combating crimes related to international terrorism.

Private sectors and civil societies play an important role in awareness raising as well as promoting peace, tolerance and dialogue among people. That is why engagement with private sectors and sharing of best practices should be further promoted.

Mr. Chair,

Universal fraternity, religious tolerance, peaceful co-existence, and the principle of non-violence are integral ingredients of Nepali culture, which are underpinned by Buddhist philosophy. These values are also embedded in the Constitution of Nepal.

Nepal is committed to protecting its people from act of terrorism at home as well as not allowing its territory to be used against any other countries.

Nepal is a party to seven international legal instruments for the suppression of international terrorism. The provisions of those legal instruments have been incorporated into our domestic legislation such as the Money Laundering Prevention Act, Mutual Legal Assistance Act, and Extradition Act.

Nepal is closely working with International Criminal Police Organization to ensure the prosecution of terrorists; and with the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) to combat financing for terrorism.

Nepal regularly updates its national registry based on the UN sanctions list of persons and entities linked to acts of terrorism and terrorism financing, together with those charged with or guilty of terrorism-related crimes and those subject to freezing of funds or financial assets.

Our national policies and implementation framework on counterterrorism are harmonized with the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy.

In conclusion, **Mr. Chair**, strong cooperation and coordination are effective tools in our battle against terrorism. Let us strengthen our cooperation and collaboration at all levels under the counter-terrorism architecture of the United Nations.

If we act together, we can live in peace together.

Thank you for your attention.