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**STATEMENT OF GHANA DELIVERED TO  
THE SIXTH COMMITTEE OF THE 76<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE UNITED  
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**“MEASURES TO ELIMINATE INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM”  
(AGENDA ITEM 112)**

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Security Council Chamber,  
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*Mr. Chairman,*

1. On the behalf of the delegation of Ghana, I congratulate you and the other members of the bureau on your election. You can count on our support and cooperation during this session.
2. We are pleased to align with the statements delivered on behalf of the African Group and the Non-Aligned Movement by the distinguished representatives of Nigeria and the Islamic Republic of Iran, respectively, and would like to emphasize the following points.
  - a) First, the threat of terrorism and terrorist activities are a major security concern globally and especially in Africa where there is a growing prevalence of violent extremism and terrorist activities in the Sahel and the sub-Saharan region. The efforts by governments to promote peace and security, protect human rights and pursue the economic prosperity of their people continue to be hampered by the ruinous activities of terrorists groups. Despite the complex security and socio-economic challenges posed to our region by terrorist activities, we remain undaunted in our resolve to work with our neighbours and the international community to eliminate the canker of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations. The “Accra Initiative” which was launched in September 2017 in concert with Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d’Ivoire, and Togo is one of the frameworks that has enabled us to prioritize our

collective security and allowed for strategic cooperation through information and intelligence sharing; training of security and intelligence personnel; and the conduct of joint cross-border military operations, in response to growing insecurity in the region. We are committed to strengthening these efforts and enhancing our collective capacity to counter the threat of terrorism.

- b) Second, we encourage the re-alignment of counter-terrorism and anti-money laundering measures to more effectively respond to the evolving nature of terrorism as well as the widening networks of terrorist organizations. We note, for example, the increasing use by terrorist groups of social media as means to extend their reach while circumventing conventional counter-terrorism measures. Consequently, state-of-the-art technology and strategies must be adopted to ensure that intelligence sharing strategies and early warning systems that are employed by national and international security apparatus are not outpaced by the highly-technical and sophisticated operations of terrorist organizations. We also urge Member States to intensify efforts to suppress and counter terrorism financing with particular attention to emerging online payment platforms and illicit trade in natural resources.
- c) Third, effective counter-terrorism strategies are reliant on robust international cooperation which, in our view, must include enhanced engagements with regional bodies. We thank the Secretary-General for leading the charge against

terrorism through his sustained commitment to the effective implementation of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy and thank those member States whose contributions to the report of the Secretary-General contained in document A/77/185 help to compile a compendium of best practices to complement global action. We also welcome the continued engagement of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crimes (UNODC) in supporting member states through capacity-building and training programmes.

- d) Fourth, the international community must accelerate action on the global sustainable development agenda as a means to eliminate the socio-economic factors that precipitate political defiance and radicalization, often resulting in violent extremism and terrorist activities. This endeavor, in our view, should involve a re-assessment and re-structuring of international development financing to better assist struggling economies, especially in Africa, to meet all 17 SDGs.
- e) Finally, we stand by the position that terrorism in all its forms and manifestations committed by whomever, wherever and for whatever purposes constitutes a threat to international peace and security, is unjustifiable and unacceptable. In this regard, we urge member states to comply with the relevant rules of international law and the vast number of resolutions of the General Assembly and Security Council aimed at eliminating the complex but not insurmountable phenomena of terrorism.

*I thank you for your kind attention.*