



STATEMENT ON AGENDA ITEM 109  
“MEASURES TO ELIMINATE INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM”

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1. **Thank you Mr. President**, and congratulations to you and the members of the bureau on your election.
2. My delegation aligns itself with the statement by the African Group delivered by the Representative of Uganda and that of the Non-Aligned Movement delivered by the Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran.
3. We thank the Secretary-General for his report on “Measures to eliminate international terrorism” under document A/78/221.

**Mr. President,**

4. **While** we must continue developing international instruments, structures and systems to form solid bases upon which we can collectively counter terrorism effectively, we must power these

elements with willingness to implement, cooperation and coordination.

5. Kenya has ratified and domesticated international conventions aimed at countering terrorism and associated crimes. We are continuously improving our anti-terror legislative frameworks and mechanisms. The domestication of the United Nations Global Counter Terrorism Strategy is bearing fruit especially in countering radicalization and extremism.
6. We have adopted an all-of-government and all-of-society community policing approach including the participation of women and children at the community level. This has been helpful in detecting early signs of radicalization and thwarting terrorist plots.
7. The importance of regional cooperation on counter-terrorism cannot be over emphasised. Kenya continues to foster strong law enforcement and judicial cooperation partnerships within the East African Community, the Intergovernmental Authority on Development, the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region and the African Union.
8. Continuous inter-state and inter-regional dialogues and programmes are essential to the broader United Nations counter-terrorism efforts. Kenya is committed to supporting the Regional Programme Office of Counter terrorism in Nairobi, as a critical mechanism for counter-violent extremism conducive to terrorism in East Africa.

9. Kenya is also actively engaged in the African Union's effort to elaborate a Continental Plan of Action on countering terrorism.

**Mr. President,**

10. A comprehensive convention for combating international terrorism is desirable. But the absence of such a legal framework must not be an impediment to the implementation of other existing counter-terrorism frameworks and instruments. It should not be used as an excuse for any lethargy in our collective action against terrorism.
11. In an era of great technological advancement including artificial intelligence, we must cooperate in capacity building and use of technology in knowledge management, detection and response in countering the similarly advancing and mutating terrorist and violent extremist strategies including through youth-targeted social media recruitment. We must always be innovative in our preventive measures including: countering terrorist narratives; inclusive community engagement; and addressing illicit financial flows, among others.
12. Kenya remains committed to this discussion and its interpretation into tangible returns to Kenyans and the people of the world, not least because, the ravages of terrorism, if not contained, will eventually spare no one.

**Thank you.**