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**STATEMENT ON AGENDA ITEM 110
"MEASURES TO ELIMINATE INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM"**

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1. Thank you, Madam Chair, and congratulations to you and the members of the Bureau on your election. You can count on my delegation's support throughout the session.
2. My delegation associates itself with the statements delivered by the distinguished representative of Uganda and by the distinguished representative of Iran on behalf of the African Group and the Non-Aligned Movement respectively.
3. We thank the Secretary-General for his report on "Measures to eliminate international terrorism" under document A/79/99 and its addendum.

4. Kenya sustains its condemnation in the strongest terms of all acts of terrorism in all forms and manifestations noting that they are criminal and unjustifiable, regardless of their motivation, wherever, whenever, and by whomsoever committed.
5. In efforts to counter international terrorism, the international community continues to develop international instruments, structures and systems essential in forming a solid base from which states can effectively combat or eliminate terrorism. Such instruments including international and regional treaties and conventions, Security Council Resolutions and domestic legislation and policies, while critical, are only as good as our collective and individual willingness and commitment to implement them through cooperation, coordination and mutual assistance.
6. Kenya has ratified and domesticated international conventions aimed at countering terrorism and associated crimes and has implemented the Security Council Resolutions on fighting terrorism. We have prioritised development of counter-terrorism policies and strategies, enhanced efforts to counter financing of terrorism and extremism, and progressively

amended our security laws to strengthen our counter-terror legislative framework including through the establishment of counter-terrorism specific agencies such as the National Counter-Terrorism Centre, the anti-terrorism police unit and the cyber forensic investigative unit among others.

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7. Kenya has domesticated the UN Global Strategy and the Plan of Action on Preventing Violent Extremism through its National Strategy to Counterterrorism. Our citizen-driven National Strategy has engendered ownership, sustainability and innovation while maintaining desired resilience, synergy and coordination nationally.
8. Our devolved mechanism of implementation has facilitated the cascading of action plans distilled from the national strategy but specific to local threats. It has inspired the participation of civil society organisations, community and faith leaders, the private sector, special interest groups including youth and women, the media and researchers.
9. This approach speaks to the critical aspect of early warning in radicalization, achieved through creation of community awareness and consequent stronger community policing.

10. At the regional level, Kenya continues to forge strong law enforcement and judicial cooperation partnerships within the East African Community, the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD), the Great Lakes Region and continentally. However, counter-terrorism initiatives in Africa must not be seen in isolation. The interconnected nature of today's security challenges demands that initiatives from Africa remain integrated into broader global strategies, avoiding isolationist approaches.
11. In this regard, Kenya is providing support to and calls for the strengthening of the Regional Programme Office of Counter terrorism in Nairobi, as a critical mechanism for countering violent extremism conducive to terrorism in East Africa.

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12. Earlier this year, in February, Kenya hosted the Global Counterterrorism Forum that brought together Member States, regional organisations, lead think-tanks, civil society, and other relevant stakeholders to explore potential areas for collaborative action in countering terrorism and violent extremism.

13. This convening character of our efforts is critical in the development of effective interventions and responds to the complexity of issues under the scourge of terrorism and violent extremism. We cannot overemphasise the importance of pooling synergies for success in the measures we employ in counterterrorism and violent extremism both at national and international levels.
14. While we continue calling for a comprehensive convention for combating international terrorism, we must emphasise that the absence of such a framework should not hinder the implementation of other existing counter-terrorism frameworks and instruments.
15. We must keep abreast with technological advancement including artificial intelligence to counter the advancing and mutating terrorist and violent extremist strategies including through youth-targeted social medial recruitment.
16. Kenya remains committed to this discussion and the implementation of the UN Global Counterterrorism Strategy and other international protocols against terrorism due to the grave threat it poses to humanity.

I Thank you.