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Statement by Mr. Kaushal Kishor Ray, Deputy Permanent Representative of Nepal to the United Nations at the 79th Session of the Sixth Committee of the United Nations General Assembly during the general debate held on Agenda item 110:

‘Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism’

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Mr. Chair,

At the outset, I would like to congratulate you and members of the Bureau upon taking charge of this important committee.

I assure you of the full support and cooperation of my delegation.

Nepal aligns itself with the statement delivered by the distinguished representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement.

Mr. Chair,

Terrorism is a serious threat to just and lasting peace and global security landscape.

As reported, the year 2023 has faced approximately 3,350 terrorist incidents worldwide with 8,352 deaths, highest in number since 2017.

It is also important to note that violent conflict remains the primary driver of terrorism, with over 90 per cent of attacks and 98 per cent of terrorism deaths in 2023 taking place in countries in conflict.

Moreover, extreme poverty, unemployment, growing economic inequalities, discrimination, and social exclusion have continued to provide favorable ground for terrorism and malicious activities thereof.

Mr. Chair,

Acts of terrorism are criminal and cannot be justified under any pretext.

It is an atrocious violation against humanity.

It threatens basic human rights and civil liberties.

It has the greatest potential psychological and social impact disrupting social harmony and endangering the well-being of people.

Amid deepening political and security crisis, sexual violence also persists as a tactic of war and terrorism.

On top of that, tolerating double standards in fighting against terrorism is entirely unacceptable.

Those responsible for terrorism must be held accountable.

Victims must be aided with justice through rehabilitation, reparation and reintegration strategies.

Mr. Chair,

Terrorism knows no boundaries. It is a global problem and requires coordinated global action to effectively address and resolve it.

To tackle the underlying causes of terrorism, we must place top priority on fulfilling the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable development.

We must promote mutual respect and harmonious coexistence among cultures, communities and civilization.

Nepal stresses a universal definition of terrorism that is comprehensive to adapt to the evolving landscape of emerging threats.

We call for an early conclusion of a comprehensive convention against international terrorism (CCIT) and stand ready to contribute to this endeavor.

Mr. Chair,

Nepal strongly condemns terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, regardless of wherever it occurs by whoever and for whatever purposes.

We believe in the teachings of Lord Buddha-peace, tolerance, non-violence and peaceful coexistence. They inspire individuals to live in harmony with themselves and others.

We are firmly committed to ensuring that our land is never used by any terrorist group, for any reason, against any country and people.

Nepal is a state party to seven international counter-terrorism instruments, and we have strong domestic legal instruments to implement their obligations.

Nepal has formulated various laws including Money Laundering Prevention Act, Extradition Act, Mutual Legal Assistance Act, Organized Crimes Prevention Act, Terrorist Financing (TF) Prevention Strategy and Action Plan to deterring terrorism and transnational organized crimes.

Our close and coordinated work with INTERPOL ensure timely prosecution of terrorists.

Nepal is committed to international commitments against money laundering and financing for terrorism. We are working on making bilateral agreements for the implementation of laws related to mutual legal assistance and extradition.

We closely collaborate with the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) to prevent financing for terrorism.

Nepal consistently updates and circulates UN sanctions lists related to terrorism and terrorism financing on its website.

We have aligned our counter-terrorism policies and frameworks with the UN Global-Counter Terrorism Strategies.

We appreciate the continued efforts and contribution of UNOCT in framing the effective global counter-terrorism strategies and enhancing cooperation among member states.

Nepal has already communicated to the Office of Legal Affairs about its efforts including legal and institutional arrangements made to prevent and combat international terrorism.

Mr. Chair,

Nepal extends its full support to UN-led initiatives aimed at preventing youth radicalization and their recruitment into the hands of terrorists.

We reiterate the need for implementation of General Assembly and Security Council resolutions, mandates, and strategies focused on countering and combating terrorism.

Nepal also stresses the need to put measures in place to counter the dissemination of terrorist propaganda, preventing and suppressing the flow of financing and material means for terrorist activities, as well as recruitment activities of terrorist organizations.

Nepal welcomes the agreed text of United Nations Convention against Cybercrime.

We believe it will help counter the misuse of social media platforms and new and emerging digital technologies including cyberattacks.

Mr. Chair,

Given the strong correlation between organized crime and terrorism, we recognize that strong cooperation, led by the UN, is key to combating transnational organized crime, including drug trafficking, arms smuggling, and money laundering.

Promoting real-time intelligence sharing among counter-terrorism agencies is crucial for combating terrorism and transnational organized crime.

We call for scaling up efforts in addressing transnational organized crime and related illicit financial flows through comprehensive strategies, including prevention, early detection, investigation, protection and law enforcement.

Nepal also emphasizes on the continued financial and technological support to developing countries especially the least developed countries to enhance their capacities in combating international terrorism.

In conclusion, Mr. Chair, Nepal is fully committed to working together for effectively preventing and combating international terrorism and ensuring a safer world for all.

I thank you.