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Mr. Chairman,

My delegation congratulates you on your election as Chair of the Committee and expresses the hope that the work of the Committee will be successful under your able leadership.

My delegation aligns itself with the statement made by the delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran on behalf of the Non-aligned Movement.

Mr. Chairman,

Despite international efforts to eradicate root-causes of terrorism and create a peaceful environment for development, terrorist acts still remain unabated, threatening the territorial integrity and sustainable economic development of sovereign states and endangering peace and security of the region and the world.

In particular, sectarian terrorism driven by xenophobia, racism, religions and beliefs is rampant; collective and state-sponsored terrorism aimed at subversion of systems of sovereign states is running rife.

Despite international community's efforts to root out acts of terrorism destabilizing the world, terrorism in all its forms and manifestations is rather increasing. This is because some forces are politicizing anti-terrorism and thus, creating serious obstacles to international efforts to combat terrorism in pursuit of selectivity and double standards.

In the hope that the current session will serve as a meaningful occasion to deliberate on practical and reasonable ways to combat acts of terrorism, my delegation would like to make some observations as follows.

First of all, cohesion and cooperation should be enhanced to terminate, once and for all, acts of state-sponsored terrorism aimed at subversion of systems of sovereign states.

The international community should no longer remain indifferent to double-dealing acts of the U.S. and the West advocating the establishment of a "rules-based international order" and justifying their armed invasion against and interference in internal affairs of sovereign states as "protection of freedom and democracy", "ensuring of peace and security" and "war on terrorism".

The disastrous realities in Afghanistan and Libya still entangled in the vicious cycle of terrorism and revenge are the tragic outcome of the highly politicized and selective "war on terrorism" waged by the U.S. and the West.

The "war on terrorism" waged by the U.S. and the West vis-a-vis sovereign states constitutes a clear act of state-sponsored terrorism and infringement on

their sovereignty as well as a flagrant violation of the UN Charter stipulating the principles of sovereign equality and non-interference in internal affairs and international law.

The United Nations should not allow the fight against terrorism to be used as a tool to meet the interests of specific states and should fulfill its responsibility and role by making sure that the fight against terrorism is conducted in conformity with the UN Charter and international law.

Second, double standards and selectivity should not be tolerated in terms of counter-terrorism efforts.

Double standards and selectivity in the fight against terrorism are detrimental to mutual trust among member states and are creating obstacles to cooperation of the international community for eliminating global terrorism.

The double-dealing, illegal behaviour of the U.S. and the West should be subjected to condemnation of the international community as they classify national liberation struggle of countries for independence and territorial integrity as acts of terrorism, and even arbitrarily brand anti-U.S. countries deemed to be standing in the way of a unipolar world as "state sponsors of terrorism" and impose sanctions and pressure on them, and foment unrest and instability by offering financial and material support to anti-government terrorist organizations.

Mr. Chairman,

Brutality and shamelessness of Israel resorting to massacre, terrorism and assassination are triggering big hatred and resentment from the international community.

The key to ensuring lasting peace in the region of the Middle East is to guarantee the legitimate national right of the Palestinian people to establish an independent state and put an end to Israeli aggression and hostile acts against the Arab countries at an early date.

We strongly condemn Israel which is expanding its massive genocide of innocent civilians to the entire Middle East and the systematic, heinous terrorist acts of the US, a guardian of Israel. We express our unwavering support to and solidarity with the Arab peoples in their struggle to safeguard sovereignty, right to existence and territorial integrity.

Mr. Chairman,

It is the consistent position of the DPRK government to oppose terrorism in all its forms and manifestations as well as any assistance thereto.

The DPRK is actively engaged in global counter terrorism efforts through accession to major international conventions such as "International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism", and "International Convention against the Taking of Hostages". It also takes strict measures to protect national security and people's lives and properties from all sorts of terrorist attacks and threats.

In the future, too, the DPRK will fulfill its responsibility and duty to eradicate terrorism in all its forms and manifestations and ensure peace and stability in the region and the rest of the world.

Thank you.