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Thank you Mr. Chairperson,

At the outset, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on your election to preside over the deliberations of the 79th session of the Sixth Committee. I would like to assure you my delegation's full support for a successful completion of the work of the committee. I also extend my appreciation to the Report of the Secretary-General as contained in the document number A/79/99.

My delegation also aligns itself with the statements delivered on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement and the African Group.

Mr. Chairperson,

We all recognize that terrorism remains to be a threat to both state and human security as it impedes peace and development in any part of the world. The government of Ethiopia has been taking different measures to prevent and eliminate international terrorism as we reject terrorism in all its forms and manifestations. Ethiopia as one of the countries that have been impacted by terrorism and acts of terrorism resulting in loss of lives and destruction of properties, believes that Fighting and controlling both national and international terrorism acts through lawful means is critical to ensure the pillars of human rights, peace and security and development.

Therefore, we strongly believe that while it is the primary responsibility of governments to ensure that their citizens live in a state of peace and stability, international cooperation

is critical. In order to achieve this goal, Ethiopia has been working closely with its partners in the region and beyond in the implementation of counterterrorism measures.

These efforts include the enacting and enforcement of domestic laws, the ratification of international treaties, cooperation and the implementation of resolutions of the Security Council. The Ethiopian Security forces also continued with their effort to control border to counter threat emanating from the terrorist groups based in the neighboring countries.

Further, The National Bank of Ethiopia (NBE) July 2024 announced directive to reform the foreign exchange regime, in addition of the nation's economic development, plays a significant role in controlling financing for terrorism.

Similarly, Ethiopia has made significant progress in updating its laws to adapt to the ever-changing nature of terrorism and to ensure compliance with human rights standards in countering terrorism. In 2020, a proclamation to provide for the prevention and suppression of Terrorism Crimes (Proclamation no. 1176/2020) is enacted replacing the previous Anti-Terrorism Proclamation. The new proclamation adopted new mechanisms to protect rights and freedoms of individuals and enhance accountability of law enforcement bodies.

Maximum care has been made to make sure the new law is compatible with international human rights conventions. Ethiopia has also enacted laws and augmented its institutional mechanism on the Prevention and Suppression of Money Laundering and Financing of Terrorism.

Mr. Chairperson,

Ethiopia attaches greater importance to the multilateral cooperation as we believe that the struggle against terrorism could only be effective if we address it collectively.

Concerning international and regional cooperation, Ethiopia works closely with its neighbours to prevent and combat terrorism in all its manifestations. We have signed police-to-police cooperation agreements, including in areas related to counter terrorism and arms smuggling.

Considering the transnational nature of the crimes, the competent authorities in Ethiopia provide the widest possible range of cooperation to the competent authorities of other states. This includes legal assistance in connection with extradition and criminal investigations and proceedings related to money laundering and financing of terrorism.

As has been reflected widely in the Counterterrorism conferences, terrorism has become an intensified security challenge for Africa. As delegations would note, the African Union is the only regional organization with a binding legal framework against terrorism.

Mr. chairperson,

The government of Ethiopia has ratified and became a party to nine international agreements on terrorism. There are also ongoing activities to increase Ethiopia's role by ratifying the remaining international conventions and protocols that are related to terrorism. My government took measures to implement the international agreements that are ratified by the parliament and undertook additional actions to implement the counter-

terrorism resolutions adopted by the Security Council. In this regard, it is important to highlight that the national authorities have been cooperating with UN organs and follow up on the list of individuals and organs that are under sanction by the Security Council Counter Terrorism Committees.

Mr. chairperson,

We, in Africa, have been experiencing the effects of various forms of terrorism. Conflicts in the Horn of Africa, as in many parts of our continent, continue to broaden the base for international terrorism and threaten our global security. We have come to realize that the absence of peace and stability in our sub-region created a safe haven for international terrorism. Therefore, it is of paramount importance to coordinate the national action with the regional and international measures. International co-operation is imperative to defeat both brands of ‘international’ and ‘domestic’ terrorism

In conclusion, **Mr. Chair person,** we need to remain steadfast in our collective endeavors to fight the scourge of terrorism. The Government of Ethiopia is committed to enforce agreements that have been entered into under the auspices of United Nations and the African Union. Ethiopia will continue to cooperate with all partners in this regard.

I thank you.