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Agenda item 109:**

**‘Measures to Eliminate
International Terrorism’**

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Mr. Chair,

I would like to congratulate you, Mr. Chair, and members of the Bureau on your election.

I assure you of my delegation’s full support and cooperation.

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 remains a grave threat to international peace, security, and stability.

It transcends borders, destabilizes societies, and undermines development.

It threatens fundamental human rights, freedom, and human dignity.

The global threat of terrorism has deepened in complexity and scale over time.

It continues to inflict rising levels of death and destruction across the globe.

The surge in violent conflicts worldwide has intensified the threat of terrorism, while extreme poverty, unemployment, inequality, social discrimination, injustice, and extremism, among others, continue to create conditions conducive to radicalization and terrorism.

Mr Chair,

The impact of terrorism extends well beyond immediate destruction.

It inflicts deep psychological trauma, disrupts social harmony, and undermines the well-being of communities.

The erosion of trust, the breakdown of cohesion, and the long-term destabilization of livelihoods and institutions carry profound human and developmental costs.

Addressing these challenges requires a comprehensive approach rooted in justice, inclusion, and sustained support for recovery and resilience.

Mr Chair,

Nepal unequivocally condemns terrorism in all its forms and manifestations.

Any act of terrorism is criminal and cannot be justified on any ground. Those responsible for terrorism must be held accountable.

We strongly believe in peace and peace values as the pathways to progress and prosperity.

We continue to advocate for a just, inclusive, democratic, and rules-based international order for peace to prevail, for prosperity to thrive, and for terrorism to end.

We do not allow our territory to be used by any terrorist group, for any reason, against any country and people.

We have been a state party to seven international counter-terrorism instruments, joined regional anti-terrorism initiatives, and framed institutional frameworks to fulfill our legal obligations to curb terrorism.

In this regard, a number of domestic laws such as Money Laundering Prevention Act, Extradition Act, Mutual Legal Assistance Act, Organized Crimes Prevention Act, Terrorist Financing (TF) Prevention

Strategy and Action Plan are in force.

The Anti Money Laundering and Combating Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT) National Strategy, 2024-2028 aims to prevent and combat money laundering and terrorist financing by strengthening the national framework.

Nepal maintains close cooperation with the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) to prevent and disrupt the financing of terrorism.

A synergetic coordination with INTERPOL has helped bring the culprits of terrorism and transnational crimes to book.

We have aligned our counter-terrorism policies and frameworks with the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy for impactful action.

We appreciate the continued support from the UN Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT) in framing effective global counter-terrorism strategies and enhancing cooperation among member states.

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 implementing General Assembly and Security Council resolutions, mandates, and strategies focused on countering and combating terrorism.

Nepal also stresses the urgency to counter the dissemination of terrorist propaganda, and prevent financing and the flow of material means for terrorist activities.

Nepal welcomes the adoption of the United Nations Convention against Cybercrime, recognizing its potential to curb the misuse of digital platforms and technologies for cyberattacks and online violence.

Mr. Chair,

Let me highlight a few points:

First, global solidarity, partnerships, and coordinated responses must be strengthened, including for resource and intelligence sharing, capacity-building, and inter-agency coordination, while fully respecting national sovereignty.

We call upon the UNOCT to provide technical support to Member States, especially LDCs, to implement the Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy at the national level.

We also stress the early conclusion of the Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism through constructive dialogue and mutual understanding.

Second, the international community must uphold and fulfill its legal obligations to prevent money laundering and illicit financial flows, counter terrorist financing, and resolve conflicts peacefully

through dialogue and diplomacy.

Mutual legal assistance and cooperation in investigation and prosecution are vital in this respect.

Third, it is critical to foster civic and moral education, raise awareness, and promote the values of peace, social harmony, and peaceful coexistence as part of counter-terrorism initiatives.

It is also vital for us to guide youths at risk of radicalization away from extremism and strategize to engage them in innovation, entrepreneurship, and new start-ups.

Fourth, addressing the root causes of terrorism—poverty, unemployment, bad governance, discrimination, religious extremism, and xenophobia—is essential.

Fundamental human rights, justice, and equal opportunities must be guaranteed to all, leaving no one behind.

Fifth, harnessing preventive diplomacy, including the Secretary-General's good offices, and enhancing cybersecurity infrastructure for early warning and crisis intervention yields strategic dividends.

We must prevent the misuse of ICTs, including artificial intelligence, by non-state actors for committing, inciting, recruiting, funding and

planning terrorist activities.

In conclusion, Mr. Chair,

The fight against terrorism demands more than resolve—it requires unity, equity, and sustained global cooperation.

Let's build a world where peace is protected, dignity is defended, and terrorism finds no place.

Nepal stands in firm solidarity with the international community in our collective pursuit of eliminating terrorism and building a safer, more peaceful world for all.

I thank you.