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**Statement on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement, during the consideration in the Sixth Committee of agenda item 108: "Measures to eliminate international terrorism".
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Mr. Chairman,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the 118 Member States of the Non-Aligned Movement.

The Non-Aligned Movement considers that criminal acts intended or calculated to provoke a state of terror in the general public, a group of persons or particular persons are, in any circumstance, unjustifiable, whatever the considerations or factors that may be invoked to justify them.

Terrorist acts as the most flagrant violations of international law, including international humanitarian and human rights law, in particular the right to life. Such acts endanger the territorial integrity and stability of States as well as national, regional and international security. They also destabilise legitimately constituted governments or the prevailing constitutional order and political unity of States, affect the stability of nations, create adverse consequences on the economic and social development and cause the destruction of the physical and economic infrastructure of States.

The Non-Aligned Movement strongly and unequivocally condemns, as criminal, and reject terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, as well as all acts, methods and practices of terrorism wherever, by whomever, against whomsoever committed, including those in which States are directly or indirectly involved, which are unjustifiable whatever the considerations or factors that may be invoked to justify them. In this context the Movement reaffirms its support for the provisions contained in General Assembly resolution 46/51 of 27 January 1992 and other relevant UN resolutions.

Terrorism cannot and should not be associated with any religion, nationality, civilisation or ethnic group, and these attributions should not be used to justify terrorism or counter-terrorism measures that include, *inter alia*, profiling of terrorists and intrusion on individual privacy.

The Movement reaffirms its principled position under international law and in accordance with General Assembly resolution 46/51 of 27 January 1992 as well as other relevant UN resolutions on the legitimacy of the struggle of people under colonial or alien domination and foreign occupation for national liberation and self-determination, which does not constitute terrorism, and once again we call for the definition of terrorism to differentiate it from the legitimate struggle of peoples under colonial or alien domination and foreign occupation for self-determination and national liberation. The brutalisation of peoples kept under foreign occupation is the gravest form of terrorism.

Mr. Chairman,

Our Movement urges all States, consistent with the UN Charter, to fulfil their obligations under international law and international humanitarian law in the combat against terrorism, including by prosecuting or, where appropriate, extraditing the perpetrators of terrorist acts; by preventing the organisation, instigation or financing of terrorist acts against other States from within or outside their territories or by organisations based in their territories; by refraining from organising, instigating, assisting, financing or participating in terrorist acts in the territories of other States; by refraining from encouraging activities within their territories directed towards the commission of such acts; by refraining from allowing the use of their territories for planning, training or financing for such acts; or by refraining from supplying arms or other weapons that could be used for terrorist acts in other States.

We also demand that all States refrain from extending, political, diplomatic, moral or material support for terrorism, and in this context, we urge all States, consistent with the UN Charter and in fulfilling their obligations under international law, to ensure that refugee status or any other legal status is not abused by the perpetrators, organizers or facilitators of terrorist acts, and that claims of political motivation by them are not recognised as grounds for refusing requests for their extradition.

Mr. Chairman,

The Non-Aligned Movement reiterates its call for an International Summit Conference under the auspices of the United Nations to formulate a joint organised response of the international community to terrorism in all its forms and manifestations including identifying its root causes.

The Non-Aligned Movement encourages all States, which have not yet done so, to consider ratifying or acceding to the thirteen international and UN conventions and protocols relating to combat terrorism. We also reiterate the need for the conclusion of a comprehensive convention for combating international terrorism and, noting the progress made in the Ad Hoc Committee on Terrorism established by General Assembly Resolution 51/210 on the negotiations for elaboration of a comprehensive convention on International Terrorism, and we call upon all States to cooperate in resolving the outstanding issues.

The Movement takes note of the adoption of the UN Global Counter Terrorism strategy and calls for its implementation.

The Non-Aligned Movement rejects actions and measures, the use or threat of use of force in particular by armed forces, which violate the UN Charter and international law especially the relevant international conventions, imposed or threatened to be imposed by any State against any Non-Aligned Country under the pretext of combating terrorism or to pursue its political aims, including by directly or indirectly categorising them as terrorism sponsoring-States. We call upon the Security Council sanction committees to streamline their listing and delisting procedures to address the concerns of due process and transparency.

NAM supports national, regional and international efforts and arrangements that seek to implement, where appropriate, the pertinent international legally binding instruments, as well as the relevant UN resolutions, and regional arrangements and instruments relating to combating terrorism. We believe the strengthening of such cooperation with all States is crucial, as long as it takes place in conformity with the UN Charter, international law and the relevant international conventions. Therefore, the Movement urges the relevant UN organs to promote ways and means to support and strengthen such cooperation.

Finally Mr. Chairman, NAM calls Member States to introduce comprehensive qualitative changes to national laws and legislations, in order to criminalise all terrorist acts as well as support, financing or instigation of such acts.

Thank you.