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Mr. Chairman

Allow me at the outset to congratulate you Mr. Chairman upon your election to preside over the work of the Sixth Committee of this 62nd Session of the General Assembly. Our congratulations also go to the other members of the Bureau.

We are fully confident that under your able chairmanship this session will bear desirable results, and in that endeavor, you can count on my delegation's full support.

My delegation associates itself with the statement made by His Excellency Mr. Jean-Marie Ehouzou, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Benin, on behalf of the African Group.

Mr. Chairman

International terrorism represents a global threat to international peace and security which requires a global and concerted response from all peace loving nations.

The multilateral approach, having the United Nations as the core forum to issue global strategies and guidance on practical and action-oriented measures to be taken by the international community, particularly by the United Nations Member States, remains the best course of action in addressing the serious threat posed by international terrorism.

In this regard, we welcome the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Strategy adopted last year as a means to enhance the coordination of the United Nations system as a whole, as well as the cooperation with other relevant actors in the field of counter-terrorism.

Mozambique is pleased to note that the newly adopted Strategy reaffirms the need for the fight against international terrorism to be conducted in conformity with the Charter of the United Nations as well as other relevant provisions of international law, in particular, human rights law, refugee law and international humanitarian law.

Mr Chairman,

Mozambique remains resolute in the global fight against international terrorism and reiterates its condemnation of international terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, wherever and by whomever it is committed.

As part of its efforts and serious determination to fight terrorism, Mozambique is already party of 12 universal instruments for the prevention and combat of international terrorism, as well as to the other relevant international legal instruments against terrorism, in particular to the OAU Convention for the Prevention and Combating Terrorism.

The process of ratification of the International Convention against Nuclear Terrorism is now well advanced.

On the other hand, and aware of the pernicious links between international terrorism and transnational organized crime, the Republic of Mozambique is also party of the United Nations Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime and its Protocols.

Mr. Chairman,

We commend the report of the Secretary General, contained in document A/62/160, reflecting the progress made so far in implementing measures at national and international level to preventing and combating terrorism.

The report reviews, in particular, the progress made by The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) in implementing its mandate in the field of technical assistance.

In this regard we welcome the expansion of UNODC activities in providing technical assistance and capacity building to developing countries to facilitate the implementation of universal treaties and other relevant international legal instruments related to terrorism, in particular through training in the judicial, drafting of internal legislation, law enforcement and prosecutorial fields related to terrorism.

Finally we also support the recommendation contained in the report for UNODC to live up to the challenge of meeting the increasing demand of assistance as increasingly more countries have ratified international legal instruments related to terrorism.

Mr. Chairman,

We also welcome the report of the Ad Hoc Committee established by General Assembly Resolution 51/210 of 17 December 1996, contained in supplement No 37 (A/62/37). We commend the efforts of the Ad Hoc Committee and of its Chairman and other members of the bureau in conducting consultations, both during this year's session and in the intersessional period, aiming at concluding the draft Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism.

It is our sincere hope that these efforts can soon bear fruits so that the international community can benefit from this universal and comprehensive legal instrument as an important measure to consolidate the existing counter terrorism international legal framework.

In this regard, all States involved in the process of negotiations must demonstrate genuine political will and a constructive approach.

I thank you all.