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**IN THE NAME OF ALLAH
THE MERCIFUL, THE COMPASSIONATE**

Mr. Chairman,

At the outset, it pleases me to convey to you on behalf of the State of Kuwait our sincerest congratulations on your election Chairman of the Sixth Committee for this year. We also wish to congratulate the members of the Bureau. We trust in your ability to chair this Committee, as much as we are certain that you shall achieve the maximum results. We also wish to affirm our readiness to cooperate with you to culminate the work of the Committee in success and to wish you the best.

In this regard, we convey our thanks to the Secretary-General on his report, document (A/65/175) which he prepared concerning this item pursuant to paragraph (8) of General Assembly resolution 50/53. We also would like to thank the President of the Committee established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 51/210 on his report, document (A/65/37) submitted concerning the convening of the Committee of its 14th Session in accordance with paragraph 23 of General Assembly resolution (64/118).

Mr. Chairman,

The State of Kuwait expresses its support to what was mentioned in the statements of the Syrian Arab Republic (on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference) .

The Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement).

1. The State of Kuwait reaffirms its strong condemnation of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations. No matter what its motivations are, terrorism remains an unjustifiable criminal act, that no divine religion approves. Therefore, terrorism must not be associated with any religion or nationality or culture or ethnic group.

Departing from this belief, the State of Kuwait warns against the utilization of double standards in combating terrorism, which contravene the rule of the law and rulings relevant to human rights, rights of refugees as well as international humanitarian law.

2. Therefore, the State of Kuwait attaches utmost importance to reaching a consensus on the draft of the Comprehensive Agreement to Combat International Terrorism, while taking into consideration the need for a clear and comprehensive definition of the meaning of terrorism, and distinguish terrorism from the inalienable right of the individual or the group to self defense as well as to resist aggression according to article (51) of the United Nations Charter.

The State of Kuwait welcomes what was contained in the 2nd Revision of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, and reaffirms the need to implement all of its basic elements without selectivity.

Mr. Chairman,

3. The State of Kuwait calls for the uniting of efforts, to form a united front to combat terrorism, as well as to consolidate the values of tolerance and peaceful co-existence between the different civilizations, reject extremism and violence by establishing strict regulations against all those who offend the divine religions or transgress against their symbols and their sanctity, while being keen on spreading the righteous humanitarian values between peoples and religions, as well as support the centrist and moderate approach, address the roots of terrorism particularly those related to economic, social and political conditions.

4. The State of Kuwait is keen on the activation of cooperation in countering terrorism through coordination with the units of regional and international security apparatuses, in order to identify the best ways to pursue in confronting terrorism, in addition to updating and following up the latest information and implementing all Security Council resolutions relevant to terrorism.

Therefore, its is the view of the State of Kuwait that all the Security Council Sanctions Committees need a sort of transparency and fair and clear measures for the listing of individuals and entities on their lists as well as their delisting, which will strengthen the respect of the Law and of Human Rights.

Mr. Chairman,

In the area of efforts exerted to countering terrorism and the measures taken by the State of Kuwait, are the following:

- **In 2009, the State of Kuwait established the Kuwaiti Peace Center, for the rehabilitation of those accused in terror cases, as well as treating those with distorted thoughts within an educational, psychological and religious framework.**
- **Also, a national committee to combat money laundering and financing of terrorism was formed under the leadership of the Central Bank of Kuwait. This in addition to taking all the oversight measures necessary to regulate the work of charitable institutions in fund raising activities, to ascertain that they are not being misused in any illegal or terrorist activities. In this regard, the State of Kuwait affirms that the Kuwaiti charitable organization are all non-profit, providing humanitarian assistance to the developing countries, and working under the umbrella of the Kuwaiti law, and all their charitable activities are under the supervision of the Kuwaiti Government.**

Last, but not least, the State of Kuwait, renews its support of the proposal of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Abdallah Bin Abdulaziz, King of Saudi Arabia, for the establishment of an international center to combat terrorism under the umbrella of the United Nations.

Also, the State of Kuwait welcomes General Assembly resolution 54/110 of 1999, concerning the convening of a high-level international conference to counter terrorism under the auspices of the United Nations.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman