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Mr. Chairman,

At the outset, it is my pleasure to express to you our most sincere felicitations on your election Chairman of the Sixth Committee for this session, I also wish to congratulate the members of the Bureau. We are certain of your capability to conduct the works of this session, and would like to assure you of our total readiness to work and cooperate with you in order for our work to succeed.

In this regard, I thank the Secretary General on his report contained in document (A/66/96& Add.1) which was prepared according to paragraph 8 of General Assembly resolution 50/53 concerning this item. Our thanks also go to the Chairman of Ad-Hoc Committee, established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 51/210, on the submission of the report contained in document (A/66/37) concerning the convening of the 15<sup>th</sup> Session of the Ad-Hoc Committee according to paragraph (23) of General Assembly resolution 64/118.

Mr. Chairman,

The State of Kuwait expresses its support to what was contained in the statements of both;

- The Syrian Arab Republic, on behalf of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation
- The Islamic Republic of Iran, on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement

Mr. Chairman,

Terrorism still constitutes a grave danger in many parts of the world, and threatens international peace and security; therefore the State of Kuwait condemns terrorism in all its forms and manifestations. No matter what its motives are, terrorism is an unjustifiable criminal act that must not be associated with any religion or nationality or civilization or ethnic group. Combating terrorism requires the mobilization of all international efforts to face up to this criminal scourge, by taking measures that aim to guarantee the respect of human rights, and the rule of law, while at the same time address the issue of the circumstances that lead to its spread, such as the elimination of poverty, the pursuit to achieve sustainable development,

good governance, and peaceful coexistence between religions, as well as to respect their symbols and sanctuaries, and putting an end to the incitement of hatred, and reject all the manifestations of extremism and violence.

The State of Kuwait, therefore, underscores the need to complete the process of the Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism, while taking into consideration the need for this Convention to include a clear and inclusive definition of the term terrorism and the term State terrorism. Also to distinguish between terrorism and the legitimate resistance and the right of the peoples to repel aggression according to the Article "51" of the United Nations Charter.

Mr. Chairman,

The State of Kuwait supports the peaceful settlement of disputes according to the United Nations Charter, international law, and the international humanitarian law, as well as the respect of the rights of peoples to self determination and to extract their freedoms through peaceful legitimate means, it also supports the principle of non-interference in the internal affairs of states which guarantees their sovereignty and independence.

The State of Kuwait calls upon the United Nations and the international community to assume their responsibilities vis-à-vis the events that are occurring around the world, and where the civilian population and others, who must be protected according to the international humanitarian, are being deliberately targeted. This is considered a flagrant violation of international conventions and charters, as well as a violation of human rights and enters under state terrorism. As example on this are the crimes that Israel commits against the Palestinians, its unlawful occupation of their land, the expansion in the construction of illegal settlements and the ongoing blockade of Gaza. All these are clear violations of international law, and are tantamount to crimes under the purview of the International Criminal Court.

Therefore, the State of Kuwait asks of the Security Council to activate the powers commissioned to it by the International Criminal

Court to initiate criminal cases – acting under Chapter 7 of the Charter – and to issue a resolution referring to the said court to investigate the crimes of genocide, and the crimes against humanity that are being perpetrated, in order to guarantee that the perpetrators do not enjoy impunity, which will strengthen the prevalence of the rule of law, as well as the maintenance of international peace and security.

Mr. Chairman,

The State of Kuwait is very keen on adhering to all international agreements and protocols, as well as the relevant Security Council resolutions on terrorism, in addition to its respect of the Charter and its support to foster the role of the United Nations in combating terrorism. Thus, the state of Kuwait, is proud of the Kuwaiti philanthropic activities, and reaffirms the innocence and impartiality of the Kuwaiti philanthropic associations from any suspicion of supporting terrorism, and calls upon the sanctions committees of the Security Council to exercise transparency in their entry and removal of the names of individuals and entities to their combined lists, and not to apply double standards and selectivity in the enforcement of international legitimacy.

Mr. Chairman,

In conformity with the international efforts to combat terrorism, the state of Kuwait welcomes the agreement reached between the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the United Nations concerning the establishment of an international center to combat terrorism that functions under the umbrella of the United Nations. The time has come for the international community to adopt this initiative announced by the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Abdallah Bin Abdul-Aziz of Saudi Arabia to consolidate cooperation and coordination in building capacities and training in the field of eliminating terrorism.

The State of Kuwait also welcomes the adoption of resolution 54/110 by the General Assembly in 1999, concerning convening a high-level international conference to combat terrorism under the auspices of the United Nations.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.