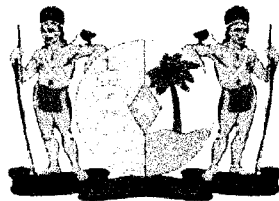


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Caribbean Community
(CARICOM)**



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Mr. Chairman

It is a distinct honour for me today to address the committee on behalf of the Member States of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) that are members of the United Nations. We extend sincere congratulations to you and your Bureau on your election and pledge our support and cooperation in the important work of this committee.

CARICOM reiterates its total condemnation of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations. In this regard we condemn the senseless attack in Bali last week where innocent civilians once again fell victim to heinous acts.

Today's challenges in an increasingly interdependent and globalized world require states to co-operate in addressing this menace to humanity. It is incumbent upon us to unite to fight a common enemy, for terrorism poses a danger to every country on the planet. It is our view that a multilateral approach is the only sensible way to attempt to rid the world of this scourge.

CARICOM acknowledges that the United Nations has made significant strides in elaborating measures for dealing with terrorism. One of the most recent additions to the international legal framework is the adoption by the General Assembly this year of the International Convention on the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism. It is in this context that CARICOM welcomes the strong condemnation of terrorism in the World Summit Outcome and the political imprimatur our leaders have given through that Outcome to the development of a comprehensive terrorism strategy and the final conclusion of a comprehensive convention on international terrorism during this session of the General Assembly. This is a reflection of the important role of the United Nations in establishing standards and coordinating action to combat terrorism.

CARICOM countries remain committed to the fight against terrorism. However, as small countries with limited resources, we are faced with increasingly onerous responsibilities of meeting obligations established by various UN Security Council mandates on terrorism as well as other responsibilities within the international legal framework. We therefore note with satisfaction that the outcome document adopted at the High level Plenary Meeting recognized that many states continue to require assistance in implementing relevant Security Council resolutions. We expect that commitments made to offer assistance in such areas materialize and will be translated into concrete support being provided to states, in particular small island developing states.

CARICOM will work along with other Member States to implement the provisions of the Outcome document guided by the principles of respect for human rights and strict adherence to international law. We must in this endeavor strive to promote dialogue among civilizations and create a more conducive environment for advancing international cooperation not only in battling terrorism but also in addressing its root causes.

Mr. Chairman,

We support the conclusion of a comprehensive convention on international terrorism with a clear operational definition on terrorism. In this regard, we commend the sterling efforts of the Ad Hoc Committee established pursuant to GA resolution 51/210 as well as the coordinator of the informal discussions on the draft comprehensive convention for their contribution over the years. CARICOM supports the consolidated text proposed in the coordinator's report as a basis for advancing the work of the Ad Hoc Committee on this longstanding issue.

CARICOM member states welcome the Secretary General's identification of elements for formulating a counter-terrorism strategy. We will join other delegations in formulating a strategy to promote a comprehensive, coordinated and consistent response at all levels in the fight against terrorism.

Mr. Chairman,

CARICOM member states will, along with the international community, take every action to achieve a world free of terrorism, always mindful of our duty to ensure that our actions are consistent with the provisions of the Charter and international law.

I thank you.