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ON BEHALF OF THE RIO GROUP**

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Mr. President,

I have the honor to speak on behalf of the Río Group: Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela and my own country: Argentina.

The Rio Group members reiterate their strongest condemnation of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations wherever and whoever commits them and reiterate their commitment to adopt the necessary measures in accordance to their respective laws and regulations to prevent, combat and eliminate these criminal acts. We stress that the fight against terrorism must respect human rights, international humanitarian law and the international law of refugees.

We would like to take this opportunity to express our condolences to all nations and persons who have been victims to terrorist acts and, particularly to Indonesia, for the criminal terrorist acts that it fell victim to, just last Saturday, October 1st.

We are pleased to have the report regarding the advances that were made in the application of the Declaration on measures to eliminate international terrorism, Document A/60/228.

During this session, the Sixth Committee should focus primarily on the negotiation of the General Convention against International Terrorism. We underline that this convention must be a precise legal instrument which must, among other issues, facilitate cooperation among tribunals and police authorities in the fight against terrorism, in conformity with the most significant principles of human rights, and under the basis of the principle *de aut dedere aut judicare* (to judge or to extradite).

We take note of the significant progress made in the negotiations of this instrument, even if there are still important differences in some concrete areas. In this regard we thank Ambassador Mohamed Bennouna, Chairman of the Sixth Committee during the 59th period of sessions for calling informal consultations on this convention last July which gave us a new opportunity to consider pending matters.

We also thank the report of the coordinator of these consultations which has been useful for our capitals.

The Rio Group members reiterate their commitment to make all necessary efforts to resolve pending differences to reach a consensus and adopt this new legal instrument, if possible during this year.

On the other hand, once the Comprehensive Convention is adopted, the General Assembly should elaborate a strategy for the fight of the United Nations against terrorism. In this sense, we underline that this strategy must concentrate on the practical and operational aspects of the United Nations in order to strengthen the activities of this Organization against terrorism. It would be useful to consider the unification of the mandates and concentrate the human and financial resources that are currently dispersed within the whole of the Organization.

Thank you very much.