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Mr. Chairman,

Allow me at the outset, to congratulate you and other members of the bureau on your elections to guide the work of this committee. My delegation assures you and the Bureau members of its full cooperation and support.

I would like also to express my appreciation to the Secretary General for his informative and comprehensive report on measures to eliminate international terrorism.

Mr. Chairman,

Terrorism today constitutes one of the most serious challenges to international peace and security. It is beyond doubt that there is an urgent need to effectively address this challenge through concerted counter terrorism measures.

No doubt, some progress has been made in implementing the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy but the undiminished terrorism incidents is a constant reminder that the implementation of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, has not yet produced the desired results .It is therefore obvious that effective measures are required to address conditions conducive to the spread of terrorism, prevent and combat terrorism, build State capacity and respect human rights and the rule of law.

Mr. Chairman,

As we all know, terrorism is a complex and ever-changing phenomenon in terms of its motivation, financing and support mechanism, methods of attack and choice of targets. This makes it more difficult to counter terrorism effectively. We should admit that the future is uncertain and the use of technologies makes the situation ever more complex. However, if we are united and committed in the fight against terrorism, progress can be made and the threat will be reduced.

While the primary responsibility of implementing the Strategy rests with Member States, international, regional and sub-regional organizations should continue to play a key role to promote counter-terrorism cooperation. The joint response of the international community also has to be long-term and multi-pronged, addressing various conditions conducive to the spread of terrorism, including dialogue, understanding, countering the appeal of terrorism.

Mr. Chairman,

Ethiopia expresses its concern at the increasing use, in a globalized society, by terrorists of new information and communication technologies. The use of the internet by terrorist groups for a variety of purposes is not new. Lately, we have seen terrorists turn increasingly to the internet and its supported mediums to raise money, recruit supporters, communicate information and spread propaganda. The

international community's response to this challenge, however, has been inadequate.

Ethiopia Underlines the importance of greater cooperation among United Nations entities and of the work of the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force (UNCTITF) to ensure overall coordination and coherence in the counter-terrorism efforts of the United Nations system, as well as the need to continue promoting Transparency and to avoid duplication in their work. In this connection, we welcome the United Nations Secretary General's recommendation with regard to appointment of a UN Counter Terrorism Coordinator.

Mr. Chairman,

Ethiopia has taken a number of measures with regards to the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy. We have ratified 9 United Nations anti-terrorism instruments, OAU declaration on the Code of Conduct for Inter-African Relations, the Algiers OAU Convention on the Prevention and Combating of Terrorism. The Ethiopian Parliament has also passed anti-terrorism legislation and has operationalized this with the objective of providing a comprehensive legal framework to combat terrorism. Ethiopia, with the support of the UNCTITF, has also hosted one regional workshop on counter-terrorism In Addis Ababa.

We recognize that money-laundering and terrorist financing are very serious challenges confronting the international

community as a whole. The prevention of the financing of terrorism is crucial to suppress terrorist act .In this context, we have set up a financial Intelligence Unit which is actively engaged in addressing the challenge of the flow of suspicious funding, including terrorist financing. In this regard, we believe cooperation of the UN entities is essential to fully implement our respective international obligations to combat the financing of terrorism.

My delegation also would like to express Ethiopia's commitment to cooperate fully with the United Nations and its Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force (CTITF), and regional bodies such as African Union and Intergovernmental Authority for Development (IGAD), of which Ethiopia is a member.

In conclusion, Mr. Chairman, I would like to reiterate my Country's commitment to continue to work at the national, regional and global level to combat terrorism to create an international environment that is hostile to terrorism.

I Thank You!