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**STATEMENT**

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**BEFORE**

**THE SIXTH COMMITTEE (LEGAL AFFAIRS)**

***ITEM (105) MEASURES TO ELIMINATE INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM***

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**In the Name of Allah, The Merciful, The Compassionate**

**Mr. Chairman,**

**It pleases me at the outset, to extend to you, our sincerest congratulations on your election as Chairman of the Sixth Committee for this year, we also would like to congratulate the members of the Bureau. We are confident of your capability to conduct the workings of our Committee, and would like to assure you of our interest in working with you in order, to achieve success in our work.**

**I also extend our thanks to the Secretary-General of the United Nations on his report contained in document (A/67/162 & Add.1) that was prepared on this item, pursuant to paragraph (8) of General Assembly resolution 66/105, concerning the measures to eliminate international terrorism.**

**Mr. Chairman,**

**The State of Kuwait condemns terrorism in all its forms and manifestations. Terrorism must not be linked to any religion, nationality, civilization or an ethnic group. All states must take effective measures to counter terrorism, as well as addressing the conditions that lead to the spread of terrorism; these are (the elimination of poverty and hunger, achieve sustainable development, prevalence of the rule of law and good governance, peaceful coexistence and ensuring respect for human rights.**

**What we are witnessing lately in the various media, from incitement of hatred and racism, to disdain for religions, are not but one of the forms of terrorism that lead to extremism and violence, as well as destabilizing international peace and security. Therefore, it is imperative to respect all religions, their symbols and sanctities, as well as to maintain the friendly relations among states and peoples, and spread the culture of tolerance and moderation. Thereupon, the State of Kuwait supports the endeavours that aim for the issuance of universal commitment, by a resolution of the General Assembly that obliges everyone to respect the divine religions, their sanctities and their religious symbols, in order to put a limit to this phenomenon and eliminate it.**

**The State of Kuwait is keen on opposing terrorism by ratifying the majority of international agreements and instruments, as well as, concluding numerous regional agreements, which after their approval and ratification, have the power of**

**regional agreements, which after their approval and ratification, have the power of national laws. Therefore, the State of Kuwait attaches utmost importance to the draft of the comprehensive agreement to combat terrorism, and urges the states to unify their efforts to finalize this agreement, while taking into consideration that it contains a clear and comprehensive definition of the meaning of terrorism and state terrorism, and not to confuse that with the right of peoples to lawful resistance, repel aggression and self determination.**

**Mr. Chairman,**

**The State of Kuwait is keen on its commitment to implement the resolutions of the Security Council relating to terrorism, and urges the Sanctions Committees of the Security Council to work with transparency, and without selectivity or arbitrariness in their listing of the names of individuals and entities. At the same time, it commends the effective and obvious efforts of the Ombudsperson in implementing Security Council resolution 1989 (2011) concerning the consideration of the applications of individuals and entities for the removal of their names from the consolidated lists.**

**The State of Kuwait wishes to affirm the honesty and the transparency in the work of the Kuwaiti charitable associations, away from the suspicions of financing and supporting terrorism. What demonstrates this is that the State of Kuwait has held the number 1 position, among all Arab states this year in the list of the most transparent charitable associations in the Arab World, according to the assessment of Forbes magazine, which included (61) charitable organizations from various Arab countries.**

**The State of Kuwait supports the settlement of conflicts by peaceful means, according to the United Nations Charter and the international humanitarian law. However, the conflict, the daily killings of civilians, the targeting of cities and infrastructure that are witnessed in the Syrian crisis, are a gross violation of the international covenants and charters, as well as of human rights. This enters under the category of terrorism practiced by the states against their own peoples. Therefore, in upholding the rule of law, it is incumbent upon the international community to assume its responsibilities, to guarantee that there is no impunity for the perpetrators of these crimes, in order to preserve international peace and security, achieve freedom and justice for societies, as well as eliminate terrorism.**

**Thank you, Mr. Chairman.**