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Mr. Chairman

Today, the continued terrorist acts taking place in all parts of the world still remains a grave challenge to the sovereignty of countries, life of human beings, social stability, international peace and security.

The reality of this kind requires the UN member states to redouble their efforts to jointly cope with the challenges facing the global counter-terrorism.

In this regard, the delegation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea is of the view that due attention must be paid to the following points.

First, top priority should be given to putting an end to the terrorist acts against sovereign states.

The armed aggression against sovereign states and massacres of civilians taking place under the pretext of the "War on Terror" can not be justified in any cases and must be totally rejected, since these are typical types of state-sponsored terrorist acts and critical violations of human rights reaching the extremity of terrorism.

At present, Syria is in bloodshed and innocent people are being killed by some armed forces trying to overthrow the legitimate government. This is a state-sponsored terrorism that should be appropriately condemned and rejected.

We take this opportunity to reiterate our position that the acts of pursuing regime change interfering in internal affairs of sovereign states under the pretext of anti-terrorism and of designating others as terrorists, sanctioning and pressuring them at their will must not be tolerated at all and decisively rejected.

From this point of view, we recognize that the comprehensive convention on international terrorism under discussion should by all means reflect the issue of eliminating state-sponsored terrorism.

Second, the effort of combating international terrorism should attach importance to removing the root cause of terrorism.

The terrorist acts of the past, not yet resolved, are the root causes of terrorist acts of present and future.

Only when the joint efforts of international community to eliminate terrorist acts should be preceded by removing the root causes of terrorism, can we achieve our objectives at least and furthermore, lead to the final elimination of terrorism on the globe.

In this regard, the DPRK delegation supports the Egyptian delegation's proposal to convene a UN high-level conference on terrorism, considering it will be contributing to identifying the root causes of terrorism as well as the international community's common countermeasures to remove above-said root causes of terrorism.

Mr. Chairman,

Each country's effort to combat terrorism is a vital primary factor deciding success or failure in the international community's efforts for counter-terrorism.

It has been a long time for us to live under the endless terrorist threats aimed at

overthrowing our socialist system. It is therefore the anti-terrorism has become an important issue related to safeguarding sovereignty, people's life and security.

Opposing all forms of terrorist acts and any assistance to them is a consistent stand of the DPRK government.

As part of our efforts for strengthening international cooperation in the field of anti-terrorism, we have already signed key international conventions on anti-terrorism and recently ratified the international convention for the suppression of financing of terrorism. And, we are accordingly amending and supplementing our relevant national laws.

The DPRK government will do its part, by joining the international community, in its efforts to completely eliminate terrorist acts on the global basis and build a peaceful and stable world.

Thank you.

