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Mr. Chairman,

At the outset, my delegation congratulates you on your assumption of the Chair of the Sixth Committee, our congratulations also go to other members of the bureau.

We welcome the report of the Secretary-General on the subject before us. We also appreciate the efforts of the United Nations and its agencies, Member States, regional organizations and other entities in condemning and confronting terrorism in all its aspects.

The United Republic of Tanzania aligns itself with the statement made by Iran on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement.

Mr. Chairman,

As we take up this item once again in the Sixth Committee, acts of terrorism and the sense of insecurity they spawn continue to be felt around the globe. Most recently, the terrorist attack at the West Gate Mall in Nairobi, Kenya caused tragic loss of innocent lives including children and injured dozens of people. This yet another horrendous attack is a heart-breaking reminder the threat of terrorism poses to humanity, indeed none of us is completely immune from terrorism as it can happen *anywhere, anytime and to anyone*.

Tanzania condemns this cruel act in the strongest terms and expresses solidarity with the Government and the people of Kenya.

Mr. Chairman,

Terrorism remains one of the most serious challenges to international peace and security, as the President of the United Republic of Tanzania accurately said during the general debate of the 68th Session, I quote:

Tanzania reaffirms its relentless effort to work with Member States collaboratively in addressing the key challenges of terrorism and enhance counter terrorism framework. Given the complex nature of terrorist threats, an integrated and coordinated response is essential to meeting the challenges in a more coherent and effective manner. We join other speakers in calling for an early conclusion of the comprehensive convention for combating international terrorism. While we commend the work of the Ad Hoc Committee established by GA resolution 51/210 we urge all parties engaged in this process to take the necessary decisions, especially on the outstanding issues that has for many years hampered substantive progress on such an instrument.

Mr. Chairman,

In conclusion, my delegation calls on political commitment among member states that can open the doors for a global, coordinated and concerted effort in the fight against the scourge and its underlying root causes. None of us is truly safe until we defeat the spectrum of terrorism that keeps on stalking humanity.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.