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**STATEMENT**

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"Measures to eliminate international terrorism"**

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*Mr. Chairman,*

At the outset, as this is the first time the Delegation of Ukraine is having the floor, allow me to congratulate you and other Bureau Members on your election. I pledge my Delegation's full support and cooperation to all your efforts towards successful outcome of the current session of the Sixth Committee.

*Mr. Chairman,*

*Ladies and Gentlemen:*

Terrorism remains one of the most serious threats to international peace and security. Almost every day we learn with deep sorrow of new victims of terrorist attacks which occur in different corners of the world. This world's evil can be eliminated only through consolidated and decisive measures taken by international community under auspices of the United Nations.

On behalf of the Delegation of Ukraine I would like to reiterate our firm condemnation of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, regardless of its motivations and objectives. Ukraine reaffirms its strong commitment to fight against terrorism in close cooperation with our international partners.

We support central role of the United Nations in the global effort to suppress international terrorism as well as in promoting international cooperation in this field. Particularly, we would like to notice with appreciation the work of the CTITF and UNODC. We look forward to the next reviewing process of the implementation of the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy and call upon all member states to continue implementation of the entire set of measures contained in this important document.

We took note of the Secretary General's Report on measures to eliminate international terrorism (document A/68/180). As a party to all UN Conventions and Protocols on counterterrorism, the Delegation of Ukraine calls upon all member states who haven't done so, to consider becoming parties to the aforementioned international instruments.

Ukraine supports the activities of the Security Council's counter-terrorism committees and commends the steps aimed at the reinforcement of fair and clear procedures in UN sanctions regimes. My country remains committed to the full implementation of Security Council's and General Assembly resolutions on counter-terrorism. We believe that the upcoming visit of the CTC Delegation to Ukraine in late October 2013 will positively contribute to international cooperation in the area of counter-terrorism, particularly with respect to the implementation of the Security Council Resolution 1373 (2001).

Current counterterrorism legislation of Ukraine provides for solid basis to combat terrorism. The Criminal Code of Ukraine provides for liability not only for a preparation to or direct perpetration of a terrorist act, but also for inspiration of and providing financial or material assistance to organizers of such an act. The Government of Ukraine keeps working on improvement of our national laws, regulations and policies to secure their compliance with modern challenges posed by terrorist threats. For this aim the President of Ukraine has recently adopted "The Counterterrorism Conception of Ukraine".

The competent authorities of Ukraine have established fruitful and confident bilateral links with their counterparts from many states. For instance, State Committee for Financial Monitoring, which is the main counter-money laundering arm of the Government of Ukraine, has signed about 40 bilateral cooperation arrangements with its partners in other countries to counter money-laundering and terrorism financing.

The Government of Ukraine adopted and implements national strategy aimed at developing a system of prevention of and counteraction to laundering of proceeds of crimes and terrorism financing for the period until 2015. This document fully complies with the provisions of the Global Counter Terrorism Strategy and human rights obligations.

Ukraine is a party to about 20 multilateral conventions and protocols in the field of counter-terrorism. Ukrainian Government is actively involved in counter-terrorism cooperation with many international and regional organizations, including United Nations, OSCE, Council of Europe, and Financial Action Task Force on Money Laundering (FATF), as well as Organization for Democracy and Economic Development – GUAM.

Nuclear terrorism, as well as proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, continues to be one of the most challenging threats to international security. I am proud to say that my country plays one of the leading roles in preventing nuclear terrorism. Furthering its longstanding goals in nuclear nonproliferation, Ukraine has responsibly implemented its pledge to get rid of all national stocks of highly enriched uranium. The meaning of this voluntary step is clear – Ukraine is a consistent and reliable partner who makes valuable contribution to combating nuclear terrorism as well as strengthening the entire system of nuclear safety and security.

As OSCE Chairman Ukraine attaches paramount importance to enhancing cooperation in the sphere of security and non-proliferation. In this regard the Government of Ukraine, in cooperation with the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs and the Conflict Prevention Center of the OSCE, will host the regional workshop on implementation of the United Nations Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) on November 5 – 6, 2013 in Kyiv, Ukraine.

*Mr. Chairman,*

While a lot has been accomplished, there are still many things to be done to make our efforts more effective and more advanced. One of the most important tasks is completion of the Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism. We consider that the 2007 proposals might be a good basis for consensus among all delegations. We call upon all member states to intensify their efforts aimed at finalizing the negotiation process in the nearest future.

Finally, I would like to underline that Ukraine will continue to be committed to cooperation at international, regional and sub-regional levels in order to make world-wide environment completely intolerable towards terrorism and its supporters.

Thank you for your attention.