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**Statement by Ms. Husniyya Mammadova, Counsellor of the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the United Nations, at the Sixth Committee of the sixty-ninth session of the United Nations General Assembly under agenda item 107 "Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism"**

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Mr. Chairman,

Azerbaijan aligns itself with the statements made yesterday on behalf of the NAM and OIC. I would like to make few remarks in my national capacity.

Terrorism continues to be an enduring threat to long-term peace and security as well as to the political independence, sovereignty, territorial integrity of all States. Effectively, it also undermines States' rights and efforts to safeguard the rule of law, protection of human rights and socio-economic development.

Azerbaijan strongly condemns terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, and considers that all terrorist attacks to be serious crime and that regardless of the motivation behind them all prosecutors must be prosecuted and held accountable. Respect for the rule of law is essential tool in countering terrorism and should be a central element both in the context of protection and response measures.

Areas of armed conflict, especially territories under foreign military occupation, often create conducive context for terrorists, separatists and other non-State actors. The accumulation of a great number of armaments and munitions in places beyond the reach of international control and the risk of the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and related materials to non-State actors pose a serious threat to international peace and security. That requires the strict compliance by States with their international obligations, providing, inter alia, that their respective territories are not used for terrorist activity.

The complexity of the fight against terrorism and a new set of challenges it brings further reinforces the importance of collective and sustainable action against this scourge. The United Nations has an important role in further enhancing the global understanding of this threat and providing coordination and coherence in the context of the counter-terrorism efforts.

In particular, priority and more support should be accorded to the implementation of the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy in an integrated manner and in all its aspects, as well as to the relevant Security Council resolutions. The UN Security Council sanctions are key instrument in the fight against terrorism and we stress the urgent need for prompt and

effective enforcement of its sanctions regime. The role and work of the relevant subsidiary bodies of the Security Council with the counter-terrorism mandate are of great importance.

The relevant UN agencies can also facilitate this cooperation through targeted assistance and capacity building programs in such areas as law enforcement, state border protection and exchange of information. Initiatives on promotion of human-centred approach and ensuring that the voices of victims are heard can be an effective tool to counter terrorism recruitment and incitement of violence.

Azerbaijan has consistently and continually taken measures to implement its respective international obligations. We also actively participate and contribute to international counter-terrorism efforts. At the regional level, Azerbaijan actively involved in the work carried out in the framework of the OECD Financial Action Task Force and the Council of Europe's Committee of Experts on the Evaluation of Anti-Money Laundering Measures and the Financing of Terrorism (MONEYVAL). Continued efforts to implement relevant recommendations enabled us to create and implement the legislative base to counter money laundering and terrorist financing; the financial intelligence unit has commenced operations and is receiving and analysing reports.

Fight against terrorism requires not only continued reliance on existing counterterrorism and security tools, but also enhancing collaboration at regional and sub-regional levels as well as mutual trust and partnership across regions and societies. It is critically important to support and promote various initiatives on intercultural and interfaith dialogues, such as the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (AOC). Greater dialogue and synergies within these such initiatives would help to prevent blasphemy against any religion, promote culture of tolerance, peace and reconciliation. In this context, Azerbaijan is privileged to host the AOC's 7th Global Forum in Baku, Azerbaijan in 2016 and looks forward to working with interested parties to make this event a success.

Thank you.