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Mr. Chairman,

Terrorism continues to be rampant in many parts of the world, posing a grave challenge to life and security of human beings as well as to national sovereignty, social stability and international peace and security.

This reality demands that UN member states to thoroughly review their efforts to combat terrorism and double their joint efforts to put an end to terrorism.

In this regard, the DPRK delegation would like to highlight the following points to which it attaches importance..

First of all, combating terrorism should be conducted in accordance with the UN Charter and international laws stipulating the respect of sovereignty, sovereign equality and non- interference in others.

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As seen by the reality, armed invasion and interference in others' internal affairs being committed under the pretext of the "war on terror" are bound to trigger off terrorism and retaliation thus causing large scale bloodshed massacres.

And certain states, in their national interests, continue to categorize others as terrorism-sponsoring states and impose the sanctions and pressures on them. And they even pursue to overthrow the legitimate governments by never hesitating to give support to the armed terrorist groups. This fact arouses the doubt on and causes many obstacles in the international efforts to combat terrorism.

Such state terrorism can not be justified with whatever and in any cases the combat to terrorism should not be misused by certain states pursuing their political objectives.

Proceeding from this, we assert that the comprehensive convention on international anti-terrorism, which is now under preparation, should not fail to cover the issue of eradication of state terrorism.

Secondly, it should give importance to removing the root cause of terrorism.

It is the common understanding that the domination and interference, poverty and social inequality, discrimination of race and religion constitute the root cause of terrorism.

International efforts to put an end to terrorism should be preceded by removing the root cause of terrorism. Only then they can yield expected results and furthermore lead to complete eradication of all forms of terrorism on the globe.

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It is from this point of view that the DPRK delegation supports the proposal to convene a UN high-level meeting on terrorism, considering that it's a good proposal which can contribute to take common countermeasures to remove the root cause of terrorism.

Mr. Chairman,

Efforts of every country against terrorism are a factor that decides success or failure of international efforts against terrorism.

It's been a long time for us to be exposed to successive terrorist threats aimed at toppling state social system. Therefore anti-terrorism poses itself as an important issue in defending sovereignty and people's life and security.

Hence it is a consistent stand of the DPRK government to oppose all forms of terrorism or any assistance to it.

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 approved international conventions to ban financial support to terrorism and are accordingly amending and supplementing relevant national laws.

The DPRK government will do its part, joining the international community in the efforts to completely terminate terrorist acts globally and build peaceful and stable world.

Thank you.

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