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AT THE

OPEN MEETING OF THE Counter-TERRORISM COMMITTEE
“BUILDING RESILIENCE OF COMMUNITIES TO PREVENT
RADICALIZATION TO TERRORISM”

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**STATEMENT FOR THE OPEN MEETING OF THE Counter-
TERRORISM COMMITTEE**

***“BUILDING RESILIENCE OF COMMUNITIES TO PREVENT
RADICALIZATION TO TERRORISM”***

United Nations Headquarters, Trusteeship Council Chamber

**April 29, 2024
From 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm
New York**

Her Excellency Ambassador Vanessa Frazier, President of the Security Council;
Distinguished Members of the Security Council;

H.E. Ambassador Amar Bendjama, Chair of the Counter-Terrorism Committee

Her Excellency Natalia Gherman, Assistant Secretary-General (ASG) and
Executive Director of the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate
(CTED),

Excellencies;

We would like to commend the Republic of Malta for its leadership as the Chair
of the Security Council during the month of April.

Our appreciations to H.E. Ambassador Amar BENDJAMA, Chair of the Counter-
Terrorism Committee, Her Excellency Natalia Gherman, Assistant Secretary-
General (ASG) and Executive Director of the Counter-Terrorism Committee
Executive Directorate (CTED), and the distinguished panelists for their
statements.

Excellencies,

Terrorism constitutes an increasing threat to peace, security and sustainable
development in the world. Being a complex phenomenon that transcends
borders, ethnicities and religions, it must be combatted through coordinated
and comprehensive national and international efforts.

Angola is deeply concerned with the proliferation of terrorist activities worldwide, in particular in Africa.

In recent years we have seen the expansion of terrorism and violent extremism in the Sahel region, Lake Chad, eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), the Horn of Africa and northern Mozambique, a real challenge to silencing the guns in Africa.

Terrorist groups are taking advantage of governance, human rights and development deficits, compounded by the impact of climate change, to intensify their attacks and increase their influence and presence in various regions of Africa, including through greater and dangerous coordination and cooperation among themselves, which represents an extraordinary threat to the stability of both the affected countries and the continent as a whole.

In his speech to the United Nations General Assembly on 20th September 2023, H.E. João Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço, President of the Republic of Angola, highlighted the challenges facing Africa to build community resilience.

In this context, he mentioned that efforts to contain the spread of terrorism and other destabilization actions on the continent involve financial costs that countries are not always able to bear, thus it is important to have adequate, sustainable and predictable financing from the international community.

The 16th Extraordinary Session of the Assembly of the African Union on Terrorism and Unconstitutional Changes of Government in Africa held in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea, on 28th May 2022, adopted a declaration reaffirming *“the imperative of adequate, sustainable and predictable financing for counterterrorism efforts on the Continent”* and consequently renewing *“the call to the United Nations, particularly the UN Security Council, for use of assessed contributions for AU-mandated Peace Support Operations (PSOs), to further strengthen counter-terrorism efforts and promote stabilization in the Continent.”*

To conclude, Angola reiterates its commitment to continue promoting initiatives to build resilience of communities in Africa and combating terrorism and violent extremism in the continent, and expresses its willingness to cooperate with international organizations, in particular the African Union and the United Nations, with a view to upholding a framework for an effective response to these scourges that threaten the well-being of present and future generations worldwide.

Thank you.