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**STATEMENT**

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**Mr. Chairman,**

Allow me at the outset, to congratulate you and other members of the Bureau on your elections to guide the work of this Committee. My delegation assures you and the Bureau members of its full cooperation and support.

I would like also to express my appreciation to the Secretary General for his informative and comprehensive report on measures to eliminate international terrorism.

Ethiopia associates itself with the statement made by South Africa on behalf of Group of African states and the Islamic Republic of Iran on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement.

**Mr. Chairman,**

As my Prime Minister stated in his address to the 71st Session of the General Assembly, "that the world is currently confronting unprecedented challenges would be an understatement.....International peace and stability is facing greater risks with the rise of geo-political tensions and the growing threats posed by all shades of terrorist groups and other transnational criminal networks." Yet there is still no effective international cooperation to address the threat of terrorism. Double standard still abounds.

As we all know, terrorism is a complex and ever changing phenomenon in terms of its motivation, financing and support mechanisms, methods of attack and choice of targets. The international community should be concerned about the increasing use, in a globalized society, by terrorists of new information and communication technologies. "As much as social media is offering a digital platform to improve exchange of information and enhance

popular participation, its attendant negative impacts cannot simply be ignored. In fact, we are seeing how misinformation could easily go viral via social media and mislead many people specially the youth.... Social media has certainly empowered populists and other extremists to exploit people's genuine concerns and spread their message of hate and bigotry without any inhibition. Some of our countries have been targets for destabilization activities carried out with no accountability by people and groups who have been given shelters by states with whom we have absolutely no problems.”

**Mr. Chairman,**

My delegation reiterates that the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy should serve as a basis to enhance the national, regional and international efforts to counter terrorism. While the primary responsibility of implementing the strategy rests with member states, international, regional and sub-regional organizations should continue to play a key role in promoting counter-terrorism cooperation. The joint response of the international community also has to be long-term and multi-pronged, addressing various conditions conducive to the spread of terrorism, including dialogue, understanding, countering the appeal of terrorism.

Ethiopia has ratified and become a party to many regional and international agreements on combating terrorism. We have taken a number of legal and administrative measures to implement these agreements and undertook additional actions to implement the counter-terrorism resolutions adopted by the UN Security Council. In this regard, it is important to highlight that Ethiopia has been cooperating with UN organs in the follow up on the list of individuals and organs which are under sanction by the Security Council Counter Terrorism Committees.

We would like to express once again Ethiopia's commitment to cooperate fully with the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force (CTITF), and regional bodies such as the African Union and Inter-Governmental Authority for Development (IGAD), of which Ethiopia is a member.

**Mr. Chairman,**

In conclusion, let me reiterate my delegation's support to the call for an International Summit on Terrorism under the auspices of the United Nations to formulate a joint organized response of the international community to terrorism in all its forms and manifestations including identifying its root causes; as well as the conclusion of a Comprehensive Convention for Combating International Terrorism. We call upon member states to show flexibility in resolving the outstanding issues.

**I Thank You!**