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**MEASURES TO ELIMINATE
INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM**

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Mr. Chairman,

At the outset, I wish to join other Speakers in congratulating you and the members of the bureau on your election and to assure you of my delegation's cooperation throughout this session. My delegation aligns itself with the statement delivered by the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Republic of Zambia, on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement and the Africa group respectively. We also wish to thank the Secretary-General for his comprehensive report on terrorism contained in document A/74/151.

Terrorism poses serious security threat and transcends national and regional borders. This menace has now assumed new and alarming proportions with devastating consequences on lives and property. Coupled with their negative impact, fear and uncertainty among populations, terrorism undermines social cohesion and sustainable development. It is now evident that concerted national and international measures will be needed to combat terrorism and its associated crimes.

My delegation, therefore, welcomes the range of measures and legislation put in place by Member States and inter-governmental organizations to address terrorism across the globe. The question, however, is whether these efforts can effectively counter the shifts in methodology and modus operandi of terrorist groups?

Mr. Chairman,

The initiatives taken under the auspices of the United Nations to address terrorism are most welcome. In support of these initiatives we call for continued efforts to strengthen regional and international cooperation, for timely information-sharing, and to enhance border security. My delegation notes in this regard, the call by the League of Arab States for special measures to addressing financing of terrorism, countering the falsification of identity and travel documents and the question of foreign terrorist fighters.

We share the view that these measures, including the establishment of a database ; the preparation of a unified blacklist of perpetrators, organizers and financiers of terrorist acts ; and addressing the plight of victims of terrorism will be critical to our success.

The practical measures proposed by the Shanghai Cooperation Organization including operations to locate persons on wanted lists; the interrogation of foreign terrorist fighters who have returned from conflict zones; the destruction of laboratories and infrastructure for the production of terrorist or extremist propaganda materials; and the detection of illegal trade in arms, ammunition and explosives, as well as chemical, bioactive and radioactive substances are welcome and need to be supported.

Mr. Chairman,

My delegation wishes to reiterate Ghana's deep concern about the growing incidence of terrorism, particularly in West Africa and the Sahel, which threaten the security and stability of countries in the region. The Government of Ghana remains committed to the fight against this menace and to the elimination of other ancillary criminal practices. We continue to make progress in countering money laundering and other transnational organized crimes through the passage and amendment of legislation, policy measures and upgrade of institutional infrastructure. Capacity-building will be critical to ensuring effective implementation of the various counter terrorism initiatives and to addressing all aspects of terrorism, and we call for intensified collaboration and partnerships in this regard.

In conclusion, we wish to express appreciation for the convening of the Global Maritime Security Conference by the Federal Republic of Nigeria in Abuja in October, 2019. It is our hope that the Conference will also provide a common platform for the fight against piracy in the Gulf of Guinea.

I thank you.