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**STATEMENT**

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**INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM**

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**Mr. Chairperson,**

Let me start by expressing our appreciation to the Secretary General for his report on Measures to eliminate international terrorism as contained in document A/75/176.

I would also like to follow others in congratulating you and other members of the Bureau on your election to steer the work of the committee. My delegation assures you and members of the Bureau; its full cooperation and support.

Ethiopia aligns itself with the statements delivered by the Islamic Republic of Iran on behalf of the Non Aligned Movement.

***Mr. Chairperson,***

Endangering peace and development, terrorist acts affect all sphere of life at the national, regional and international level by taking innocent lives, destroying livelihood, jeopardizing fundamental freedoms and seriously impairing the dignity of human beings. Terrorism is a criminal act that causes irreversible damage on everyone despite their nationality, sex, race, color, religion or economic status.

In our sub-region and in different parts of the world, terrorism continues to be a serious source of concern. Ethiopia is one of the victims of terrorism and terrorist acts. We had lost lives and sustained damage to property through the cruel acts of terror committed at hotels, transport facilities, markets and other civilian spots. In view of these challenges, the Government of Ethiopia has been exerting the necessary effort to prevent and combat terrorism through enacting and effectively implementing domestic laws, ratifying international treaties, and implementing relevant resolutions of the UN General Assembly and the Security Council.

In line with the principle of the rule of law, as enshrined under the Constitution of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and our obligation under international law, Ethiopia has recently revised its previous Anti-Terrorism Proclamation. The new Proclamation No.1176/2020 is aimed at preventing and controlling the crime by enabling the security forces to take strong precautionary and preparatory acts centered at the nature of the crime while ensuring perpetrators received penalty proportional to their acts.

The law address some of the gaps in the previous Anti-Terrorism Proclamation in conformity with the country's obligation

under international law, particularly the Charter of the United Nations, human rights law, and international humanitarian law.

***Mr. Chairperson,***

Such measures at the national level should be complemented by concrete measures at the regional and international level, including through strengthened international cooperation. To this effect, Ethiopia has continued to play an instrumental role in the effort to combat terrorism in Africa and especially in the East African Region. Furthermore, Ethiopia is discharging its responsibility in the African Union and the IGAD peace architecture.

Ethiopia has also ratified many counters-terrorism conventions and protocols that obliged parties to penalize the perpetrators of offences defined in such instruments, and had also ratified a number of regional counter-terrorism instruments.

Finally, Mr. Chair, I would like to conclude my remark by underscoring the need to redouble global efforts to take concrete measures and strengthen our cooperation at the regional and international level in the fight against terrorism.

**I thank you**