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## **STATEMENT**

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OF THE UNITED NATIONS AT THE SIXTH  
COMMITTEE, ON MEASURES TO ELIMINATE  
INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM**

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1. I wish to congratulate you Mr. Chairman on your election as Chair of the Six Committee for the 75th Session of the UN General Assembly and assure you of my delegation's full support. I also congratulate other members of the Bureau on their election.
2. Namibia aligns itself with the statements by the distinguished representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement and the Republic of Cameroon on behalf of the Africa Group.
3. Namibia has taken note of the Secretary-General's report contained in document A/75/176, and in this regard takes this opportunity to share her state practice on the measures taken to eliminate international terrorism.

Mr. Chairman,

4. With the evolving crime trends and the changing environments, the world is changing on a fast pace, with trans-national crimes taking center stage in unprecedented numbers, knowing no borders. Many of these crimes have migrated online. We have a collective responsibility to crack down on a range of transnational organized crime of which international terrorism is no exception.
5. While terrorism has not occurred directly within the borders of Namibia, we remain cognizant of the country's vulnerability to the threat of international terrorism. We also remain steadfast in our conviction that a terrorist attack on any country is an attack on all of us because terrorism, irrespective of its origins or the form it takes, goes against the fundamental values we share as the international community.
6. It is this conviction that has motivated Namibia to ratify all the major international instruments aimed at preventing and combatting international terrorism. These include the United Nations Convention for the Suppression and Financing of Terrorism, the 2005 International convention for the Suppression of Nuclear Terrorism, and the United Nations Convention on Transnational Organized Crime just to mention a few.

7. Namibia has over the years enacted a plethora of national instruments in order to comply with its obligations under the conventions it is a party to as well as the UN Security Council Resolutions relating to the proliferation of terrorism activities and financing thereof. The Prevention and Combating of Terrorist and Proliferation Activities Act of Namibia which was passed in 2014 is one such instrument.
8. In 2004, Namibia enacted the Prevention of the Organized Crime Act which is used to fight Terrorism and Terrorist Funding activities, particularly for seizure and confiscating suspected or actual proceeds of crime. Through International Cooperation in the Criminal Matters Act, Act 9 of 2000, Namibia also collaborates with other countries in the investigation and collection of evidence outside the Namibian Borders.

**Mr. Chairman,**

9. While sharing our national practice, Namibia also calls on Member States to implement, fully the relevant provisions of Security Council resolutions 1325 on women, peace and security as well as resolution 2242 which recognizes the differential impact of terrorism on women and girls.
10. Lastly, Mr. Chair, national law enforcement agencies must be strengthened and collaboration among member states encouraged. We also emphasize that terrorism and violent extremism conducive to terrorism cannot and should not be associated with any religion, nationality, civilization, or ethnic group and the activities of people fighting for their legitimate right to self-determination should never be classified as terrorist activities.

**I thank you**