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Mr. Chair

Allow me to take this opportunity to congratulate you and the other members of the bureau on your deserved election to steer the work of this Committee. Let me assure you of my delegation's cooperation and support.

Malawi aligns itself with the statements delivered by Iran on behalf of NAM, and Cameroon on behalf of the African Group of States.

Malawi wishes to thank the Secretary-General for his report on this agenda items contained in document A/75/176 which outlines the measures that Member States have taken to eliminate international terrorism.

Mr. Chair

Terrorism cannot be justified whether committed by a State, individuals or against whomsoever and whatever its purpose may be. Malawi condemns any form of terrorism in the strongest terms possible.

The year 2020 has been marked by the unprecedented spread of COVID-19 pandemic which has derailed progress in many areas of the international community's undertakings including the Agenda 2030. The measures to eliminate international terrorism by Member States have not been spared. However, our resolve to eliminate the scourge of terrorism can be strengthened if we foster cooperation at the international level.

Mr. Chair

Malawi welcomes the central role played by the United Nations in the fight against terrorism. The UNOCT and its related offices are doing commendable work. In that context, my delegation wishes to reiterate Malawi's commitment to cooperate with the United Nations and Member States.

Mr. Chair

Malawi has ratified almost all the Terrorism-related conventions of the United Nation and at the regional and subregional levels. These conventions set principles and international standards in prevention, investigation and prosecution of the acts of terrorism. Malawi's pieces of legislation have over the years incorporated these principles and standards. For example – the Money Laundering, Proceeds of Serious Crime and Terrorist Financing Act was enacted in 2006 and over the years has been amended in view of the conventions that Malawi ratified after its enactment.

Madam Chair

As we consider this agenda item at the current session, Malawi welcomes resolution A/74/96 in which the General Assembly decided to establish a Working Group to finalise the negotiations on the remaining issues regarding the draft Comprehensive Convention and also on the issue of convening the conference under the auspices of the United Nations. It is sad that COVID-19 pandemic prevented any meaningful engagement on these issues during the intersessional period.

Madam Chair

In conclusion, I wish to reiterate my delegation's commitment to constructively contribute to the debate on this topic.

I thank you