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### **AGENDA ITEM 109**

"MEASURES TO ELIMINATE INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM"

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#### Thank you Mr. Chairperson,

- 1. At the outset, I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate you on your election to preside over the deliberations of the 80th session of the Sixth Committee.
- 2. I assure you of my delegation's full support for a successful completion of the work of the committee.
- 3. I also extend my appreciation to the Report of the Secretary-General on Measures to eliminate international terrorism as contained in the document number A/79/99.
- 4. Aligning with the statements delivered on behalf of the Non- Aligned Movement and the African Group, I will add a brief remark in my national capacity.

## Mr. Chairperson,

- 5. We all recognize that terrorism continues to be a threat to both state and human security as it impedes peace and development in all part of the world. No terrorist act can be justified in any circumstances. Terrorist groups are acquiring modern capabilities in their effort to expand indoctrination, mobilize terrorist finance and wage terrorist attacks. It is therefore high time to foster international cooperation among States and among international organizations to prevent, combat and eliminate it in all its forms and manifestations.
- 6. Ethiopia is among many countries that have been impacted by terrorism, resulting in loss of lives and destruction of properties. In addition, terrorism continues to be a grave threat to the peace and security of the Horn of Africa. The violent extremist groups like Al-Shabab and its international and internal affiliates have continued their vicious attacks against civilians and security of the region. The region had played a significant role in the fight against terrorism owing to the resilience of the people of Somalia and the sacrifices of the

- sons and daughters of troop contributing States including my country Ethiopia to the consecutive African Union mission in Somalia.
- 7. Terrorism knows no borders. It has no nationality either. The measures we take, the cooperation we establish and the sacrifices we made to combat terrorism shall not be based on political maneuvers. It shall be based on firm commitment to the safety and security of our nations and our people. That is why having an effective international legal regime against terrorism is critical.
- 8. We strongly believe that while it is the primary responsibility of governments to ensure that their citizens live in a state of peace and stability, international cooperation is critical. Therefore, the government of Ethiopia has been taking different measures at home and in the region to prevent and eliminate international terrorism through legal and institutional reforms, and regional, sub-regional and international partnerships and cooperation including through legal assistance in connection with extradition and criminal investigations and proceedings related to money laundering and financing of terrorism.

#### Mr. Chairperson,

- 9. The international treaties we adopt, the counter terrorism resolutions adopted by the Security Council and relevant UNGA resolutions are important instruments to establish the needed cooperation and coordination in the fight against terrorism. Therefore, it is of paramount importance to coordinate the national action with the regional and international measures.
- 10. It is also necessary to consolidate the existing practice and come up with a unified treaty on counterterrorism. The experience of the African Region that has adopted the OAU Convention on the prevention and combating of Terrorism in the year 2022 can inspire global action.

- 11. In conclusion, Mr. Chairperson, we call on the international community to renew efforts in the fight against terrorism through cooperation through international organizations, bilateral and regional mechanisms, and sharing of information with a view to mitigate, detect, and deter terrorist activities.
- 12. Ethiopia's remains committed to the fight against terrorism and the maintenance of global peace and security.

I thank you.