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Statement by Saudi Arabia on behalf of the OIC Member States
Before the Sixth Committee of the General Assembly
On item 107 "Measures to eliminate international terrorism"

New York, 12 October 2015

Mr. Chairman,

I have the honor to speak on behalf of the OIC Member states on the agenda item "Measures to eliminate international terrorism". At the outset, allow me to congratulate you on your election and I would like to assure you of
the OIC membership's full support throughout the work of the Committee.

Mr. Chairman,

The OIC member states reaffirm that terrorism constitutes a flagrant violation of international law, including international humanitarian law and human rights law. Terrorism also contradicts the practices and principles of Islam. Terrorism should not be associated with any religion, race, faith, theology, values, culture, society or group. At the same time, we reiterate the importance of promoting dialogue, understanding and cooperation among religions, cultures and civilizations for peace and harmony in the world and welcome in this regard all international and regional initiatives and efforts.

Mr. Chairman,

The OIC Group also reaffirms its commitment to strengthen international cooperation in the fight against terrorism. The group believes that it is essential
to follow a comprehensive approach in combating terrorism. This should be done by addressing the root causes of terrorism, including the unlawful use of force, aggression, foreign occupation, repression, festering international disputes, and political marginalization and alienation. Moreover, it is necessary to combat all terrorist groups and organizations wherever they exist without any distinction.

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Furthermore, the Group believes that it is essential that Member States should enhance their cooperation and coordination with the aim of prosecuting the perpetrators of terrorist acts, preventing the provision of finance, safe havens, assistance or weapons to terrorist groups and organizations. It is also imperative to enhance the cooperation and coordination to refute the narratives and ideologies of the terrorist groups and organization.

Once again, the Group reiterates the need to make a distinction between terrorism and the exercise of the legitimate right of peoples to resist foreign occupation and would like to stress that this distinction is duly observed in International Law, International Humanitarian Law, Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations, and the General Assembly resolution 46/51.

The OIC reaffirms that the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy (GA resolution 60/288) constitutes an ongoing effort and is a living document, which should be up-dated and re-examined regularly. The Group also reaffirms that the Strategy should be implemented in a balanced manner in all its aspects. The Group urges Member States to cooperate in banning the payment of ransoms claimed by terrorist Groups. We stress on the importance of enhancing capacity-building of Member States to assist them in the implementation of various obligations of UN resolutions, through increasing the resources for UN entities and departments entrusted with this task, as well as enhancing bilateral technical assistance and transfer of technology.

Mr. Chairman,

The General Assembly remains seized of the pending issue of the draft Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism (CCIT). The

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The OIC Group reiterates the call to hold a high-level conference under
the auspices of the United Nations to formulate a joint organized response of
the international community to terrorism in all its forms and manifestations and
to conclude on an agreed definition of terrorism.

The Group recognizes that the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre (UNCCT) has started its work as part of the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force (CTITF) Office in New York following the contribution agreement signed by the

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