

**Statement by the Delegation of Uganda to the 6th Committee
Agenda Item 111 - "Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism"**

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Presented by Ambassador Duncan Muhumuza Laki

Mr Chairman,

Like other speakers before me, I take this opportunity to congratulate Ambassador Michel Xavier Biann of Gabon and other members of the Bureau upon election, and pledge my

delegation's support for a successful outcome during the 73rd session

I would like to align my delegation with the statements made on behalf of the African Group, and the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), and the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM).

We welcome the Secretary-General's report A/73/125 that provides an update by various stakeholders on the measures taken to eliminate international terrorism.

Mr Chairman,

Uganda condemns terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, for whatever purpose and by whomsoever. Terrorism can never be justified under any pretext. We reiterate our position that in order to have a meaningful/successful fight against terrorism, we must be prepared to take the hard decisions including assigning a comprehensive definition to

Mr Chairman,

Uganda has been engaged in the fight against terrorism for a long time, whether it is the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA); the so-called Allied Democratic Forces (ADF); and the Al-Shabaab in Somalia, Ugandan men and women have been leading at the frontline. The LRA was defeated and routed out of Ugandan territory.

We must collectively engage in efforts aimed at denying terrorists any havens, eradicating ~~sources of terrorist financing, reducing state vulnerability, and enhancing emergency~~

preparedness and response capabilities. Under the auspices of the African Union, Uganda is the biggest contributor to the AMISOM forces, and in that capacity, Uganda has been at the forefront of fighting the Al-Shabaab terrorist group. In many situations, terrorists take advantage of weak government structures in order to force recruits into their ranks. Accordingly, all efforts should be stepped up with assistance to the Government of Somalia