transparent and implementation should be strengthened and we are pleased to observe that Member States are now being briefed at regular intervals by the

Mr. Chairman,

I call for early conclusion of a Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism. My delegation is of the view that in this Convention the definition of terrorism should be crafted in such a way that no terrorist activities, whether sponsored by a state or a non-state actor, are spared.

There should be a clear distinction between terrorism and the legitimate struggle against colonial domination and foreign occupation, and right to self-determination as enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations. Any attempt to wrongfully associate terrorism with any religion, nationality, civilization or ethnic group should be avoided.

For the global strategy against terrorism to succeed, its root causes including economic disparity and deprivation, political subjugation and exclusion, prolonged and unresolved conflicts, unfair treatment, absence of fairness and climatically induced loss of livelihood must be addressed in this discourse.

UN should lead and steer the global discourse and action on counter-terrorism. National capacity building, application of non-prejudiced rule of law and fair justice and training of CT personnel of developing countries and LDCs such as Bangladesh, must remain