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Statement

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On Agenda Item 105: Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism

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Mr. Chairman,

We felicitate you and bureau members on assumption of your offices. Your able leadership bodes well for the Committee's work.

We align ourselves with the statements made by the distinguished representatives
of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) and the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) on this agenda item.

Mr. Chairman,

Pakistan strongly condemns terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, committed by whomsoever, wherever, and against whomsoever. We also reject senseless killings of civilians in any part of the world.

Pakistan is in the frontline of the global campaign against terrorism. No country
has suffered as much as Pakistan at the hands of this monster. While recognized and lauded by the international community, Pakistan's success against terrorism has exacted a heavy toll. Seven thousand Pakistani soldiers and policemen and over 37,000 innocent civilians, including men, women and children, have rendered the ultimate sacrifice. The survivors of these brave men and women are a constant reminder of the need to be vigilant and steadfast against terrorism.

With unwavering commitment to fight terrorism, Pakistan has deployed 150,100 troops along its border with Afghanistan. We have set up 1707 border posts to interdict Al-Qaida/Taliban members. Pakistan is committed to intensifying international cooperation in the security, police, financial and other aspects of the ongoing campaign to prevent and eliminate terrorism and terrorist groups and networks. The Pakistani nation will persevere in its efforts to eliminate terrorism. The issue has both regional and global dimensions. It is imperative that all countries do more to combat this menace. Terrorism is a common threat that needs common solutions in a cooperative framework.

Pakistan is paiiy to eleven universal and two regional counter-terrorism instruments. At the national level, we have enacted the Pakistan Arms Ordinance, the Surrender of Illicit Arms Act, the Terrorists Special Courts Act, the Anti-Terrorism Act, the Control of Narcotics Substance Act, the Anti-Narcotics Force Act, the Pakistan Madrasah Education Board Ordinance, and the Anti-Money Laundering Bill. Pakistan is a member of the Asia/Pacific Group on Money Laundering. We are party to the SAARC Regional Convention on Suppression of Terrorism and its Additional Protocol on Terrorist Financing. Pakistan is committed to the implementation of all these major legal instruments.

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Mr. Chairman,

In June this year, the General Assembly undertook the third review of the UN
Global Counter Terrorism Strategy. The strategy is a compromise but consensus
framework document. The adoption of the General Assembly resolution with consensus
on the occasion of the third review of the Strategy indicates the convergence of views and

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The "coordination and coherence" of the UN Counter-Terrorism Strategy within
the United Nations system falls in the domain of the UN Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force (CTITF). The CTITF's role has been institutionalized in pursuance of the Counter-Terrorism Strategy and its follow up resolutions. The credibility and legitimacy of the CTITF depends on the balanced implementation of the
Strategy. We appreciate the Task Force's increased interaction with Member States and
hope that it would redound to the effectiveness of the Strategy's implementation.

Mr. Chairman,

On the draft comprehensive convention on international terrorism, we fully
support the OIC's position. We are in favor of the adoption of the Comprehensive
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