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Mr. Chairman,

The delegation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea expresses its belief that under your experienced guidance, this session will make significant progress. My delegation associates itself with the statement delivered by the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran on behalf of the Non-aligned Movement.

Despite years-long strenuous efforts of the international community to eliminate terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, acts of terrorism continue to be rampant all over the world, endangering the human life and social stability as well as international peace and security. What cannot be overlooked is that military aggressions upon and interventions in the affairs of sovereign states and extreme violations of human rights resulted therefrom are still condoned or justified under the pretext of combating terrorism. On the other hand, a due international attention is not yet given to eradicating terrorism from its root.

This Ad Hoc Committee plays an important role in considering legal measures to address such phenomena. In this regard, my delegation would like to highlight the following points in which it attaches particular importance.

Firstly, the comprehensive convention on international terrorism should lay down clear-cut provisions to stamp out acts of terrorism committed by an army of state.



Today, armed invasions and interventions committed by some specific countries against other sovereign states under the pretext of combating terrorism, give rise to a serious concern of the international community. Such state terrorism, indeed, is aiming at overthrowing the legitimate governments of sovereign states. And this state terrorism, without exception, results in a massacre of civilians and vicious cycle of retaliation causing large-scale bloodshed. The US armed invasions of the sovereign states and massacres of civilians under the pretext of war on terror are typical examples of state terrorism and serious violations of human rights.

Without putting an end to the state terrorism, it is impossible to talk about the international peace and security, and all the efforts of the international community to counter terrorism, without doubt, could never get success.

All the international efforts to counter terrorism should be strictly conducted in line with the purposes and principles enshrined in the UN Charter and international laws. In any case, the fight against terrorism should not be misused by certain specific countries in pursuit of their own political purposes. And also, armed invasions upon sovereign states should not be tolerated.

In this context, my delegation is of the view that it is necessary to define clear-cut provisions to counter acts of terrorism committed by an army of state in the comprehensive convention on international terrorism, which is currently under elaboration.

Secondly, priority should be given to eliminating terrorism from its root.

Today's reality in which acts of terrorism are rampant, requires all the member states to identify effective means to eliminate terrorism from its root.

In this regard, my delegation is of the view that the best way to counter terrorism from its root is to eradicate all forms of domination, intervention and social inequality through the establishment of a fair international order based on justice and equality, while promoting sustainable development centered on mankind.

To this end, all the member states should respect each other's ideology, system, culture and tradition and actively promote international cooperation aimed at achieving common development and prosperity. At the same time, there is a need to put an end to the acts of arbitrarily categorizing sovereign states as terrorism

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sponsoring states and attempts to create confrontation, antagonism and mistrust between states and nations by associating terrorism with religion and nationality.

In this respect, my delegation considers that a high-level conference on terror under the auspice of the UN will help member states to formulate comprehensive and effective measures to eliminate terrorism, including the identification of its root.

Mr. Chairman,

The Government of the DPRK remains in its consistent position to oppose terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, and any assistance thereto.

In the future, too, the Government of the DPRK, as a member state of the UN, will fulfill its responsibility and obligation to eliminate terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, and build a peaceful and prosperous world.

Thank you.

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