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Agenda item 111
Measures to eliminate international terrorism

Chair: Ambassador Rohan Perera (Sri Lanka)

I. Introduction

1. Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 72/123 of 7 December 2017, on 3 October 2018, at its 1st meeting, the Sixth Committee decided to establish a working group with a view to finalizing the process on the draft comprehensive convention on international terrorism as well as discussing the item included in its agenda by General Assembly resolution 54/110 concerning the question of convening a high level

II. Proceedings of the Working Group

6 The Working Group held three meetings on 16 and 19 October and on

1st November 2018. At its 1st meeting, on 16 October, the Working Group adopted its

programme and decided to hold its discussions in the framework of informal

consultations. At that meeting, the Working Group discussed outstanding issues

relating to the draft comprehensive convention and Mr Arsal Hayne (Peru) in his

9. The following section of the report constitutes an informal summary of the

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understanding that all proposals continued to be on the table and that nothing was agreed until everything was agreed. The Coordinator also presented the rationale underlying his proposal, in particular on the added value of differentiating between "without prejudice clauses" and exclusions per se.

12. The informal consultations were then adjourned to proceed to informal informal consultations convened by the Coordinator and aimed at addressing the outstanding

These consultations took place on 16 and 18 October as well as on 10 October

after adjournment of the informal consultations.

A number of delegations expressed in the specifics of the non paper circulated

15. During the informal consultations held on 19 October, delegations commented on the question of convening 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. The sponsor delegation of Egypt recalled that its proposal to convene an international conference was no longer merely a proposal of Egypt but a common proposal of a number of Member States, including those of the Non-Aligned Movement, the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, and the African Group. It reiterated its view that the differences in opinion concerning the draft comprehensive convention on terrorism were of a political nature, and they could thus be resolved only at such level. The conference would thus help to advance the process.

16. A number of delegations reiterated their support for the convening of a high-

level conference. However, other delegations expressed the view that the convening of such a conference, before agreement was reached on the draft comprehensive convention at the technical level, would be premature.

17. At the outset of the session of the Working Group, the Chair of the Working Group called upon delegations to employ the time at the disposal of the Working Group