

REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

STATEMENT
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I have the honour to deliver this statement on behalf of the Delegation of the Republic of Uganda. At the outset, please allow me to congratulate you and the members of the bureau on your election to steer the work of the Sixth Committee. You can count on

informal consultations on the outstanding issues relating to the draft CCIT, and we further call upon all Member States to cooperate in resolving the outstanding issues.

My delegation stands ready to work actively with other delegations to achieve consensus regarding the draft comprehensive Convention on international terrorism. In view of this, the African Group supports the proposal to convene a high-level conference under the auspices of the United Nations to formulate an international response to terrorism in all its forms and manifestations and we believe that the proposal should be given serious consideration.

Counter Terrorism and Training in Africa, which will make an important contribution in counter terrorism through capacity building support to Member States of the region. It will serve as a training hub to build counter-terrorism capacities and cooperation in Africa, particularly in West Africa and the Sahel. This training hub will develop and deliver specialized counter-terrorism and law enforcement training programmes to requesting Member States in Africa. My delegation also welcomes the establishment of the regional programme office of the Office of Counter-Terrorism in Nairobi, Kenya, to prevent and counter

share best practices and lessons learnt in addressing terrorism in Africa; developing an African-led and African-owned approach to countering terrorism on the continent; strengthening synergies in regional and sub-regional endeavors for addressing the scourge of terrorism on the Continent; and building the capacities of AU Member States affected by terrorism and violent extremism conducive to terrorism;

We welcome the adoption by consensus of the General Assembly Resolution (78/43) entitled 'Prevent terrorists from acquiring weapons of mass destruction and unregulated' the need for this threat to humanity to be addressed within the UN framework and through international co-operation. While stressing that the most effective way of preventing terrorists from acquiring weapons of mass destruction is through the total elimination of such weapons, we emphasize that progress was urgently needed in the area of disarmament and non-proliferation in order to help maintain international peace and security and to contribute to global efforts against terrorism. They called upon all Member States to support international efforts to prevent terrorists from acquiring weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery. We urge all Member States to take and strengthen national measures, as appropriate, to prevent terrorists from acquiring weapons of mass destruction, their means of delivery and materials and technologies related to their manufacture.

Madam Chairperson, Uganda remains resolute in its commitment to combat terrorism through adherence

- (c) Reviewing mechanisms for success stories. For example, Uganda and the world over had and still do have many lessons to learn and unlearn from the 2010 bombing case that is key to the investigation and prosecution of terrorism
- (d) Clarifying on the issue of costs of mutual legal assistance. This should be given more clarity if international cooperation is to be realized. Most international instruments leave it to the requested country if the cost involved is reasonable. Reasonability is left to individual interpretation which makes it even more complicated to practically comprehend and implement.
- (e) Acknowledging that technology advancement is at different levels in different member states. This affects the ability to respond to requests that are beyond a V W D technological capacity.

In conclusion, Uganda reaffirms its commitment to promoting international cooperation and technical assistance in preventing terrorism, and other forms of transboundary crime. By working together with the global community, Uganda aims at strengthening its law enforcement capacities, enhance international cooperation, and combating terrorism effectively.

I thank you.