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STATEMENT BY Mr. Chairman,

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Second in the past decade activities of violent extremist organizations (VEO) and terrorist armed groups (TAG) have preoccupied regional and national security discourseA major concern is the southward thrust of the VEOs and the TAGs in West Africa and the Sahel into the coastal states along the shared borders of West Africa.

As a founding member of the Accra Initiative, thevernment of Ghana continues to strengthen multilateral cooperation, through rmation and intelligences haring

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Let me conclude by emphasizing that impact of national and military efforts is