

implementing social protection measures that bridge inequality as well as empowering and involving women and the youth in decision-making processes. Renewed and concerted action is required

In some parts of Africa, including in parts of West Africa and the Sahel, we continue to witness the destabilising activities of Terrorist Armed Groups whose activities have become more widespread, frequent, and deadly with their underlying dynamics growing increasingly complex an

and friendly countries for their close cooperation and support in building capacity to strengthen security and counter-terrorism strategies in Ghana as well as across the ECOWAS region. More is required.

(b) Global support in funding regional initiatives continues to be necessary to make substantial progress in the fight against international terrorism. In this regard, I would like to draw attention to the support required for the implementation of the ECOWAS regional counter-terrorism strategy of 2013 and the ECOWAS Action Plan for 2020-2024 adopted in 2019. Whf6hn6 buls reW*n-5(

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