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My Delegation congratulates you and the members of the Bureau on your election. I take this opportunity to assure you of our support during the proceedings.

2. We thank the Secretary General for his report in document !"#"\$%#& dated %# 'uly 2(2(entitled)Measures to eliminate International *errorism+ containing important and ,aluable information pro,ided by the Go,ernments as -ell as International .rgani/atons about the measures taken by them to -ards pre,ention and suppression of international terrorism.

0. *errorism is, undoubtedly, the most potent threat to global peace and security. With ad,ancement in technology and an o,er flo -ing 1yber -orld, terrorists are gaining access to infinite resources of)D. I* 2 . 3 S456+ - 7its on issues ranging from making bombs to e8cuting, beheadings besides securing communications and flo - of funds. *he proponents and perpetrators of these nefarious acts cle,erly adopt emerging technologies for furthering their ideologies and accomplishing their e,il acts.

9. India has been and continues to be a ,ictim of terrorism sponsored across our borders. We ha,e had firsthand e8perience of the cruel link bet -een transnational organi/ed crime and terrorism. India condemns terrorism in all its forms and manifestations and no cause -hatsoe,er or grie,ance can :ustify terrorism, including State;sponsored cross;border terrorism.

\$. India belie,es that the only effecti,e -ay to tackle terrorism is by -ay of concerted international cooperation and genuine collaboration among the States. 1ombined international efforts by -ay of e8tradition, prosecution, information e8change and capacity building go a long -ay in countering the menace of terrorism -hich is threatening the global community.

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#. We believe that our fight against terrorism should not only seek to eliminate terrorists and disrupt their organizations' networks but should also identify and hold accountable and take strong measures against States that encourage, support and finance terrorism, provide sanctuary to terrorists and terror groups.

<. India stands committed in all efforts to counter terrorism by exchanging information, capacity building for effective border controls, preventing misuse of modern technologies, monitoring and curbing illicit financial flows and cooperating in investigation and judicial procedures. Collective interstate efforts are required at regional and sub-regional levels.

>. Formative efforts at the United Nations need to be coordinated through collaboration with other fora like Financial Action Task Force (FATF) - which is playing significant role in setting global standards for preventing and combating money laundering and terrorists financing.

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human values including terrorism, smuggling of illegal weapons, drugs and money laundering.

0. We believe that the Security Council continues to be an effective forum for the maintenance of international peace and security and combating terrorism. However, it should also be ensured that the forum is not misused by countries with retaliatory intent to name innocent civilians as terrorists without credible evidence by using non-transparent working methods and procedures.

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9. While making every effort to combat terrorism, the United Nations Organization and its member states should also consider the rights of victims of terrorism and obligation of States towards the victims of terrorism under international law. It is important to note that a vast majority of victims of terrorism are often women and children. It is high time for us to try and strengthen efforts to achieve the objective of putting in place a global legal framework in the form of a Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism to counter a global scourge. This will provide a legal basis for global fight against terrorism as all Member States will have a multilateral platform to counter terrorism.

\$. Further, we all need to work together to expose and destroy the linkages that exist between terrorists and their supporters. We need an international mechanism to ensure accountability and justice, enhanced dialogue and broaden understanding amongst Member States. While the threat emanating from international terrorism is looming large, the inability of the United Nations to agree on a Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism remains one of the most glaring shortcomings in the international legislative framework which could have boosted enforcement efforts to destroy safe havens of terrorists, their financial flows and their support networks.

&. India wishes to highlight the importance and need for early finalization and conclusion of the Draft 111* which will reflect our commitment to cooperate in combating terrorism. We all have to realize the gravity and move forward for adopting the draft text of 111* which is a balanced one and has emerged after long discussions.

#. India strongly supports General Assembly resolution #99 of December 2009 which in para 25 recommends to 8th Committee to establish the Working Group with a

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