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Mr Chairman

Thank you for affording us the floor. At the outset, let me join other delegations that have spoken before me in congratulating you and the members of the bureau on your deserving election. Let me assure you of my delegation's support. I wish to associate myself with the statement delivered by the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran speaking on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement. Let me begin by reiterating our condemnation of the recent horrific terrorist attacks in Pakistan, Nigeria and Kenya. A numbe~ of civilians, including a South African national, were killed in the attack in Kenya. We express our deepest condolences to the Governments and peoples of the aforementioned countries and to all families who lost their loved ones, and wish the wounded survivors a speedy recovery.

These gruesome attacks once again reinforce the need for the international community to act and to act decisively in rooting out the scourge _of terrorism. It reminds us, as did the equally horrific attacks in Uganda, India, London and other places, that while we sit in comfortable UN conference rooms, people continue to lose their lives and limbs because of terrorism. I hope the recent attacks will spur in us a renewed sense of urgency.

Mr Chairman

South Africa condemns, in the strongest terms, terrorist acts wherever they occur and by whomsoever committed. Acts of terrorism constitute fundamental violations of