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In the name of God, the most Compassionate, the most Merciful

Mr. Chairman,
I would like to begin by aligning myself with the statements delivered by the distinguished speakers on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation. In addition to what was expressed in those statements I would like to make the following points in my national capacity.

Mr. Chairman,
The Islamic Republic of Iran has long been a victim of terrorism, and is still suffering from terrorist attacks in different forms, including state terrorism. In the last day of August and the first day of September this year, Tehran hosted an international congress focusing on the multidimensional issues of victims of terrorism. In addition to a number of papers and presentations by the researchers and experts, the participants also paid special tribute to 17,000 individuals, including women and children who have fallen victims to heinous acts of terror committed within the last four decades in Iran.

State terrorism abhorrently targets civilian populations and deliberately attacks women and children sheltered in recognized protected places under international humanitarian law to break their determination in order to advance its repressive policies. Needles to mention that we still face a big challenge in countering terrorism: double standards and selective approaches in dealing with such terrorism.

Mr. Chairman,

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tremendous blow to thousands of terror victims and their families in Iran, which continue to seek to bring perpetrators to justice. We reiterate that through international cooperation, impunity must be ended for such terrorists either by prosecuting or extraditing them.

Mr. Chairman,
I am using this opportunity to exercise my delegation's right of reply to false
and baseless accusations made by the representative of the Israeli regime yesterday. It is unfortunate that in the Legal Committee we should respond to such non-sense allegations by representative of a regime with a long record of terrorism from its very inception. This regime was built on the basis of intimidation, terror and occupation. There is no doubt that continued occupation of Palestine and the atrocities against the its people over so many decades have fueled extremism and other crises in our region and beyond.

No one is surprised that a representative of an extremist warmonger regime tries
to misuse this body for deflecting blame. The Israeli regime is well known as the single most significant practitioner of "state terrorism" responsible for many terrorist acts. It is too early for people of the world to forget Gaza atrocities during the summer of 2014, which included war crimes and crimes against humanity documented by this Organization as well. The current news headlines regarding the violence against people in occupied territories are also telling. This regime cannot and should not be allowed to accuse others as a tactic to divert attentions for its inhumane and terrorist policies.

Its network of state terrorism has conducted deadly operations all over the world. Just to name one example: innocent Iranian scientists who used to work for the development of their beloved country were brutally killed in front of the terrified eyes of their families by agents of this regime in very recent years. They still continue to threaten to kill more innocent people. Countering terrorism and addressing the root causes of terrorism and extremism cannot be considered separate from addressing terrorist activities of this regime.

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