Mr. Chairman,

Let me begin by thanking you for convening this important meeting. This being the first meeting of the Sixth Committee for the 70th Session, I wish to join previous speakers in congratulating you on your election as the Chair of the Committee. We are eager to benefit from your invaluable wealth of experience and from your inspirational leadership.

2. In our World today, terrorism has become a universal menace. No issue has dominated the strategic landscape as much as terrorism. It constitutes one of the most serious and deadliest threats to international peace and security. It is insidious in character and transnational in nature. The debilitating effects of terrorist acts, including the erosion of law and order, the destabilization of structures of governance and its negative impact on economic growth have adversely affected development and stability in

4. For this reason, the Nigerian delegation had since last year expressed our support for the initiative of establishing a Working Group to finalize the process of drafting a Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism as well as the convening of a High-Level Conference under the auspices of the United Nations. Nigeria notes with the understanding that a compromise will be achieved in the 3 key areas that have been impeding progress, which are, the Question of exclusion from the scope of the Conventions of acts committed during an armed conflict in situations of foreign occupation; Question of exclusion of acts of military forces of a State during peace time; and Question of inclusion within the Convention, of acts considered to constitute "State Terrorism." We remain optimistic that the 70th Session will usher a consensus that will not only address the issues raised above but other salient concerns as the name appropriate appellation for Convention. We are looking forward with keen interest to the outcome of work of the Working Group.

Mr. Chairman,

5. · Nigeria commends the Secr.etary-General for his report before us on "Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism," N70/211. We noted that the report also contains a summary of the replies received from states, relevant specialized agencies and other relevant international organizations on measures taken at the national, regional and international levels on the prevention

6. In recent times, Nigeria has faced the challenge of terrorism, manifested in the brutality of Boko Haram against the population. The group indiscriminately targets civilians, Muslims and Christians alike, places of worship, recreational centers, and media establishments, not even a UN Building was spared in 2011. These acts, rather than daunt Nigeria, helped to strengthen our resolve to rise up

9. In the face of the accelerating global security challenges, Cyber threat has become co-terminus with terrorism. Cyber threats, which