Statement by the Delegation of Uganda to the 6th Committee Agenda Item 108 - "Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism"

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Presented by Ambassador Duncan Muhumuza Laki

Mr Chairman,

Like other speakers before me, I take this opportunity to congratulate Amb. Eden Charles of Trinidad and Tobago, and other members of the Bureau upon election, and pledge my delegation's support for a successful outcome during the 70th session.

I would like to align my delegation with the statements made by South Africa on behalf of the African
Group, and the Islamic Republic of Iran on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM).

We welcome the Secretary-General's report that provides an update by various stakeholders on the
measures taken to eliminate international terrorism.

Mr Chairman,

Uganda condemns terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, for whatever purpose and by whomsoever.m (forms ) Ts19D

victory in the over-all fight against terrorism. More is needed to be done rather than concentrating on the symptoms. We therefore consider that it is important to address the root causes of terrorism. Poverty needs to be addressed as one of the conditions under which terrorism thrives. To this end, Uganda is preoccupied with wealth creation at household level through value addition, rather than concentrating on the export of raw materials. Value addition creates jobs, as well as enabling the producers to get more income from their products.

We must collectively engage in efforts aimed at denying terrorists any havens, eradicating sources of terrorist financing, reducing state vulnerability, and enhancing emergency preparedness and response capabilities. Under the auspices of the African Union, Uganda is the biggest contributor to the AMISOM forces, and in that capacity Uganda has been at the forefront of