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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF CUBA AT THE ITEM "MEASURES TO ELIMINATE INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM" NEW YORK, 2-4 OCTOBER 2017

Mr. Chairman,

Cuba endorses the statement by the delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran on behalf of the NAM and by El Salvador on behalf of CELAC. We thank the Secretary-General for the presentation of his report A / 72/111 on this important topic.

Our country reiterates its unwavering will to fight against terrorism and its deepest rejection and condemnation of all acts, methods and practices of terrorisl'.}1, in all its forms and manifestations, committed by whomever, against whomsoever, and wherever they may be committed; regardless of their motivations, including thos~ cases in which States are directly or indirectly involved.

The confrontation with terrorism must be holistic, through direct confrontation and prevention, and with concrete actions to eradicate its root causes.

Cuba reiterates that terrorism cannot and should not be linked to any religion, nationality, civilization or any ethnic group.

We condemn any action that is intended to encourage, support, finance or cover up any terrorist act, method or practice.

Cuba accompanied the UN Secretary General's proposal to create a new United Nations Counter-Terrorism Structure this year to fight against terrorism.

The new structure should focus on the most effective implementation of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, which is a key instrument in the international confrontation of this scourge. It should be based on full respect for the principles of the UN Charter and international law and in no case be a mechanism for supervising States.

Mr. Chairman,

Cuba considers that the harmful practice of certain states to finance, support or promote subversive acts of "regime change", as well as messages of intolerance and hatred against other peoples,certain

We reiterate that Cuba has never participated in the organization, finan~ing or execution of terrorist acts against any country, has never supported or wrn never support acts of international terrorism. The Cuban territory has never been used and will never be used to organize, finance or execute terrorist acts against any country.

Cuba reiterates its support for multilateral and bilateral cooperation to face international terrorism and, therefore, remains committed to cooperate with all countries to prevent and suppress acts of terrorism, always on the basis of mutual respect and in accordance with the principles and norms of international law and the Charter of the United Nations.

Thank you very much