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I have the honour to deliver this statement on behalf of the African Group. Allow me to warmly congratulate you and the members of the Bureau on your election to steer the work of the Sixth Committee. You can count on the African Group's strong cooperation and support throughout the work of the Sixth Committee.

The African Group would like to thank the Secretary-General for his report on "Measures to eliminate international terrorism" contained in document A/78/221.

There is no justification for terrorism and the African Group strongly and unequivocally condemns terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, as well as all acts, methods and practices of terrorism wherever, by whomever, against whomever they are committed, including State terrorism. We reaffirm that terrorism cannot and should not

build the capacity of relevant stakeholders by providing operational and technical advice and support, as well as training to address terrorism related issues. Africa is committed to develop a comprehensive Continental Strategic Plan of Action on countering terrorism in Africa, premised on existing national and regional strategies, to enhance coordination and coherence, to consolidate coordination and enhance actions.

While expressing concern over the increased incidences of kidnapping and hostage-taking for ransom in the region, the African Group considers the financing of terrorism as a matter of grave concern not only for the continent but also for the international community because is equally concerned that the payment of ransoms to terrorist groups is one of the main sources of financing terrorist activities. In this regard, the African Group calls on Member States to cooperate in addressing the issue of the payment of ransoms claimed by

The African group welcomes the establishment in 2020 in Rabat, Morocco, of the UNOCT Program Office for Counter Terrorism and Training in Africa, which provides an important contribution in counter terrorism through capacity building support to Member States in Africa. The Rabat office serves as a training hub to build counter-terrorism capacities and cooperation in the continent, particularly in West Africa and the Sahel. This

