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STATEMENT

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Agenda Item 109:
“Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism”

Thank you Chair,

The delegation of Sierra Leone congratulates you on your election as Chair of the Sixth Committee, and also your Bureau. We have no doubt that your extensive diplomatic experience

In the Extraordinary Session held in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso on the 14 September 2019, the Authority of the Heads of State and Government on Terrorism adopted a Priority Action Plan for 2020-2024, focusing on eight (8) areas: The first is “Pooling and coordination of counter-terrorism efforts” in the sub-region; under which the Authority renewed “its commitment to the pooling and coordination of counter-terrorism efforts”, and reiterated “its call for the reinforcement of the activities of the Joint G5 Force, Operation Barkhane, the Lake Chad Basin Multinational Joint Task Force, MINUSMA, as well as the Accra Initiative and the strengthening of operational coordination between the Forces and Initiative”.

The Authority called for a robust mandate to be given to MINUSMA to fight terrorism, and approved the principle of “*involving the ECOWAS Standby Force in counter-terrorism efforts. [...including encouraging] the ECOWAS Commission to continue the process of making the ECOWAS logistics depot in Lungi, Sierra Leone operational*”. The other seven (7) areas include: effective and direct information and intelligence sharing; training and equipping public officers involved in counter-terrorism; ~~see mg 15e.16i(n g) m a; n a g (h e) 2 . 6 (p) - 4 . (o) 4 . 6 (~~