

Statement by Ambassador Xolisa Mabhongo, Deputy Permanent Representative, at the UNGA77 Sixth Committee, 3 October 2022

“MEASURES TO ELIMINATE INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM”

Chairperson,

I would like to congratulate you and the members of the bureau on your deserved election. Allow me to assure you of cooperation and support throughout the work of the Committee. South Africa associates itself with the statement delivered on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement and the Africa Group.

We also express gratitude to the Secretary-General for his report on measures to eliminate international terrorism.

Terrorism continues to be a problem and a serious threat to international peace and security, human rights, and to the humanitarian efforts of international community aimed at helping the most vulnerable. The upsurge in acts of terrorism globally shows how terrorism can mutate in ways that threaten the enjoyment of peace and security globally. South Africa deplores all acts of terrorism, and we believe that none can be justified. We therefore strongly and unequivocally condemn terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, as well as all acts, methods, and practices associated with it.

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The efforts put in by different states at national, regional, and international levels to combat terrorism should be applauded. My delegation remains firm in our belief that no country and region can address this challenging and complex threat on its own and that terrorism will not and cannot be defeated only by military means. The Global Counter-

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At the national level, in South Africa there has been a number of developments relating to