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Ethiopia (on behalf of the Group of African States), Presidential Statement

**PRST 26/... on prevention of terrorist attacks motivated by intolerance or
extremism by terrorists and affiliated groups**

At the ... meeting, held on ... June 2014, the President of the Human Rights Council read out the following statement:

“The Human Rights Council:

- a) Recognizes United Nations General Assembly Resolution 49/60 and 60/288 and the United Nations Security Council's resolutions 1269 (1999), 1368 (2001), 1373 (2001), 2133 (2014), OAU Convention on the Prevention and Combating of Terrorism, 14 June 1999 and Solemn declaration of the African Union, Assembly/AU/Decl.3(XXI); Decision of Peace and Security Council of the African Union, at its 436th meeting held on 23 May 2014, on Boko Haram as well as Human Rights Council resolution 18/10.
- b) Reaffirms the need to combat by all means, threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts;
- c) Reaffirms that such acts, like any act of international terrorism, constitute a threat to international peace and security;
- d) Deeply concerned by the increase in acts of terrorism motivated by intolerance and extremism, in various regions of the world, particularly in Africa;
- e) Declares that acts, methods, and practices of terrorism are contrary to the purposes and principles of the United Nations and that knowingly financing, planning and inciting terrorist acts are also contrary to the purposes and principles of the United Nations; and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;
- f) Expresses deep concern at the terrorists attacks by Boko Haram, Al-Qaida, Al-Shabaab and other terrorist organizations which claim thousands of life, wounding many others and leading to significant displacements of populations both within the affected areas in Nigeria and other parts of the world;
- g) Expresses deep concern about the support provided to terrorist elements by external forces;

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- h) Strongly rejects all forms of terrorism, radicalism and extremism as well as the abhorrent terrorist attacks, including against schools and universities, markets and places of worship, carried out by Boko Haram over the past few years, and cowardly attacks in Somalia and Kenya by Al-Shabaab and other elements;
- i) Strongly rejects the cowardly kidnapping by Boko Haram, on 14 April 2014, of over 200 young girls from a school in the town of Chibok, in Borno State, and whose fate remains unknown to-date;
- j) Acknowledges the relevant decisions of the African Union Peace and Security Council, at its 436th meeting held on 23 May 2014 on Boko Haram;
- k) Expresses its unwavering solidarity with the people and Government of Nigeria, as well as its full support for the efforts being made by the Nigerian authorities to address the situation.
- l) Expresses its solidarity with the families of the kidnapped school girls and demands their immediate and unconditional release;
- m) Stresses that the terrorist activities of Boko Haram and other affiliated groups, including Ansaru, pose a serious threat not only to Nigeria but also to the region and the continent as a whole, especially given the links between these groups and other terrorist groups in the Sahel region and beyond, including Al Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM),
- n) Commends the leading role by the AU and IGAD, ECOWAS at sub regional level to address the threat posed by terrorist organizations inter alia Boko Haram, Al Qaeda, Al-Shebaab and other affiliated groups,
- o) Expresses its support to the decision of the UN Security Council's Al-Qaeda Sanctions Committee of 22 May 2014 that approved the addition of Boko Haram to its list of individuals and entities subject to the targeted financial sanctions and the arms embargo set out in paragraph 1 of resolution 2083(2012);
- p) Welcomes the decision by many governments to put Boko Haram to their list of terrorist groups and imposing financial and other forms of embargo;
- q) Calls upon all internal and external elements providing support and resources to Boko Haram and other terrorist groups in Africa to immediately desist from doing so as such acts contravene UNGA, UNSC, and AU resolutions and decisions on support and promotion of extremism and terrorism,
- r) Stresses that perpetrators of terrorist acts and their sponsors, shall be held accountable to relevant laws for abuse and violation of human rights and breach of international peace

and security,

- s) Calls upon States to work together urgently to prevent and suppress terrorist acts, including through increased cooperation and full implementation of the relevant international conventions relating to terrorism, and emphasizes the need to enhance coordination of efforts on national, sub regional, regional and international levels in order to strengthen a global response to this serious challenge and threat to international security;
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