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**Point 99 de l'ordre du jour :**  
**MESURES VISANT A ELIMINER LE TERRORISME INTERNATIONAL**

Déclaration de Son Excellence Monsieur Alcide DJEDJE  
Ambassadeur  
Représentant Permanent

Intervention lue par Monsieur Ghislain NGBICHI, Conseiller

Seul le texte prononcé fait foi

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**Agenda Item 99:**  
**MEASURES TO ELIMINATE INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM**

Statement by His Excellency Alcide DJEDJE  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

Speech delivered by Counselor Ghislain NGBICHI

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*New York, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008*

**Mr. Chairman**

My delegation would like to join the statement made by Kenya on behalf of the African Group as well as the one made by Antigua and Barbuda on behalf of G77 and China.

First of all allow me to thank the Chairman of the ad hoc committee established by the General Assembly in its resolution 51/210 made on December 17, 1996, Ambassador Rohan Perera from Sri Lanka for the high quality of the report which is presented to us, as well as the coordinator of the draft comprehensive convention on International terrorism, Mrs. Maria Telalian for her tireless efforts.

**Mr. Chairman**

Côte d'Ivoire, as a member of the United Nations but also as a State emerging from a long military and political crisis, condemns with its utmost energy, international terrorism under all its forms and in all its manifestations, whoever the authors wherever the location and whatever the goal.

These internationally illegal acts constitute a threat to international peace and security, for human life and dignity and the strengthening of democracy.

Therefore, it is up to the Sixth Committee to ensure that such behavior is fought until fully sanctioned. It is indeed responsible for finalizing the draft of the general convention on international terrorism, and to examine the question of convening a high level conference under the auspices of the United Nations.

**Mr. Chairman,**

The negotiations what took place during the 12th session of the special committee have made significant progress on the preamble and some articles of the draft comprehensive convention on International Terrorism. It is essential to intensify efforts for the establishment of the final version of this international instrument which will be an effective way to fight against this internationally illicit phenomenon by completing the existing legal framework.

It is necessary that the United Nations whose action is crucial in setting up, developing and promoting international standards now have at its disposal a legal framework worthy of the name and destined to regulate this plague.

**Mr. Chairman**

My delegation believes that the fight against terrorism should be conducted in strict observance of international law, including the United Nations Charter and international instruments pertaining to international humanitarian law, to international refugee law and human rights.

It is also essential to address the root causes of this phenomenon and encourage all efforts aiming at tolerance and understanding among peoples and a dialogue between civilizations.

**Mr. Chairman**

Côte d'Ivoire is aware that the multitude of issues relating to the definition of the act and the existence of terrorism, the relationship between objectives and means of combating terrorism and respect for the rules of law and human rights in this struggle, will require substantial concessions on both sides.

My delegation is convinced that a compromise could be reached if such concessions are made and the high level conference is held at a date to be agreed upon.

This initiative should be seen, in the image of the work of the Special Committee, as an additional measure, taken at the multilateral level and aiming at eliminating international terrorism.

With my greatest thanks.