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**INTERVENCION DE LA REPRESENTACION PERMANENTE DE CHILE  
ANTE LAS NACIONES UNIDAS  
EN REPRESENTACION DEL GRUPO DE RIO**

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## **AD HOC COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED BY GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210**

**STATEMENT OF PERMANENT MISSION OF CHILE TO THE UNITED  
NATIONS  
ON BEHALF OF THE RIO GROUP**

**New York, 12 April 2010**  
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**Mr. Chairman,**

I have the honor to speak on behalf of the Member States of the Rio Group, Argentina, Belize, the Plurinational State of Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, Salvador, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Dominican Republic, Uruguay, Suriname, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Jamaica on behalf of the Member States of the Caribbean Community, and my own country, Chile.

First of all, the Rio Group would like to thank you, Mr. Chairman, as well as the other members of the Bureau and particularly the Coordinator for the important efforts regarding the draft Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism made during the sessions of this Committee. The Rio Group assures you of its support to the work during the current session.

The Rio Group expresses once again its profound condemnation of all acts of terrorism, whatever its form or manifestation, which cannot be justified under any circumstances, regardless of its purpose, cause or by whoever and wherever may be committed. In that line, we reaffirm our commitment to strengthen the fight against international terrorism.

The measures to combat terrorism must be applied in conformity with international law, in particular the provisions on human rights, refugee law, and humanitarian law.

We remind the call made by the General Assembly through its Resolution A/64/118 to the States to refrain from financing, encouraging, providing training for or otherwise supporting terrorist activities.

Terrorism constitutes a serious threat to international peace and security, as well as to human life and dignity. Certainly, it threatens the stability and the consolidation of democracy, and the prosperity of nations. Therefore, all the efforts intended to prevent acts of terrorism must be undertaken, including the elaboration conclusion of a Comprehensive Convention against International Terrorism.

**Mr. Chairman,**

The Rio Group has constantly supported the efforts to achieve a Comprehensive Convention on this subject, which, among other aspects, would complement the international legal framework.

We reiterate our conviction that the draft Convention, in the light of the proposal of the Coordinator of 2007, constitutes the best basis for a consensual text. In this line, we regret that we have not yet been able to achieve an agreement on the text of the Convention and

particularly that the divergences regarding to the proposed article 3, former article 18, are still present. In the view of the Rio Group, this session constitutes a new opportunity for reaching a solution to the outstanding issues. As we pointed out previously, it is time to show the necessary flexibility, and finally adopt the Comprehensive Convention.

In this regard, we underline once again, notwithstanding the usefulness of bilateral consultations for moving ahead, the multilateral negotiation in which all the countries may express their views must always prevail.

**Mr. Chairman,**

We would like to express our appreciation to the coordinator of the draft Convention, Mrs. Maria Telalian, for her efforts to bring together the positions of States. In that sense, we appreciate her valuable proposals aimed at bridging the gap.

We urge all delegations participating in this session of the Committee to continue our work and negotiations, so that we can agree on a Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism. Likewise, we hope there is substantial progress in the discussions in order to allow for the convening of a high level Conference on terrorism under the auspices of the United Nations.

**Thank you, Mr. Chairman.**