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**Measures to eliminate international terrorism**

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Mr. Chairman,

At the outset, on behalf of the Lao delegation, I would like to congratulate you on your election as the Chair of the Sixth Committee for the 67th Session of the General Assembly. I trust that with your able leadership and rich experience, you will guide our meeting to a success. My Delegation looks forwards to working with you and ensures its full cooperation.

Mr. Chairman,

My delegation associates itself with the statements made by the representative of Vietnam on behalf of ASEAN and of Iran on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement. However, my delegation would like to share our national perspective on combating terrorism.

As terrorism constitutes a grave threat to the international community and a great violation of international laws, the Lao PDR has always condemned in a strongest manner, all forms of terrorism and their manifestations. The Lao Government has committed to the international cooperation in combating terrorism. This commitment has been reflected in a number of national measures and legislation as well as government decrees on counter-terrorism. The penal law is under the review to incorporate international counter-terrorism conventions into domestic legal framework; the degree on Anti-Money Laundering has been adopted and border crossing measures have also been installed. In addition, various workshops and meetings on counter-terrorism have been organized across the

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country to disseminate information on counter-terrorism conventions. Furthermore, a draft degree on combating of financing terrorism is now under consideration.

To date, the Lao PDR is party to 13 Counter-Terrorism Conventions and Transnational Organized Crime. We attach particular importance to the implementation of treaty obligations under counter-terrorism conventions at the national level. Pursuant to United Nations Security Council Resolution 1373, the Lao PDR has already submitted two reports to the Counter-Terrorism Committee on the implementation of resolution 1624. The first report was submitted in 2007 and the second one was recorded in 2011.

Mr. Chairman,

At the regional level, the Lao PDR together with other ASEAN member countries adopted a wide range of Declarations and Programs in fighting against terrorism such as the ASEAN Declaration on Joint Action to Counter-Terrorism; Work Programme to Implement the ASEAN Plan of Action to combat Transnational Crime; ASEAN-US Declaration for Cooperation to combat International Terrorism and ASEAN-Japan Declaration for cooperation on the fight against International Terrorism. The Lao PDR is now in the process of ratification the ASEAN Counter-Terrorism Convention. In addition, the Lao PDR is also a member of the Asia-Pacific Group on Money Laundering and works closely with this Group.

At the bilateral level, the Lao PDR has also signed bilateral treaties with a number of countries concerning mutual legal assistance in civil and criminal matters, and extradition and transfer of the convicted.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.