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Mr. Chairman,

Since this is the first time my delegation is taking the floor, I would like to join other previous speakers in congratulating you and the members of the Bureau on your well-deserved election. I assure you of the full support and cooperation of the Myanmar delegation. My delegation wishes to associate itself with the statement made by Lao PDR on behalf of the ASEAN and the statement made by Iran on behalf of the NAM under this agenda item.

Mr. Chairman,

My delegation would like to express our appreciation to the Secretary General for his comprehensive report on “Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism” contained in document (A/68/180). We also wish to thank respective Member States for their valuable inputs and sharing of best practices for inclusion in the report of the Secretary General. We are of the view that the United Nations should continue to play a leading role in the international community’s effort to combat terrorism. We therefore voice our support to the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, as it provides a framework for international cooperation to fight international terrorism with concerted efforts.

Mr. Chairman,

Myanmar has always been upholding its obligations under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council and the international counter-terrorism instruments which are applicable to Myanmar. In this regard, Myanmar has been cooperating with the relevant UN bodies, especially in the development of necessary legislations. Myanmar is cooperating with the office of the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED) in pursuant to the relevant UNSC resolutions on counter-terrorism including drafting of counter-terrorism and money-laundering laws. A draft law on counter-terrorism is being developed with technical assistance from the IMF and the UNODC. Likewise, we have requested the CTED to provide assistance in drafting the new extradition law in accordance with the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) recommendations.

The draft comprehensive convention on international terrorism, once finalized, would further strengthen the international cooperation in combating terrorism. We therefore would like to see the early concluding of the draft convention by consensus. In this regard, Myanmar welcomes the continued efforts made by the Sixth Committee and the Ad Hoc Committee established by General Assembly resolution 51/210 of 17 December 1996.

Mr. Chairman,

Myanmar had also been a victim of terrorism. As such, it has long been our consistent position to join the international community in condemning terrorism in all its forms and manifestations. We subscribe to the view that the measures to combat terrorism should be in line with the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and should respect the rule of law. More importantly, such measures must be taken in conformity with international law.

Mr. Chairman,

Myanmar, on its part, has demonstrated its commitment to the fight against terrorism through its increased participation in the regional and international instruments. Myanmar has so far become a state party to 11 international counter-terrorism instruments, and a signatory to one. The Government is also looking at the possibility of signing or acceding to other relevant international or regional instruments.

At the regional level, Myanmar signed the ASEAN Convention on Counter-Terrorism (ACCT) in 2007 which creates greater regional cooperation in combating international terrorism. Myanmar also ratified the ASEAN Treaty on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters in 2009. These are some of the significant steps taken by Myanmar in this particular area within the framework of ASEAN.

Mr. Chairman,

Myanmar's regional cooperation in the fight against terrorism goes beyond Southeast Asia. With a view to effectively preventing and suppressing terrorism financing in the South Asian region, Myanmar became a state party to the BIMSTEC Convention on Combating Terrorism, Transnational Organized Crime and Illicit Drug Trafficking since 2009. We have exchanged information on countering terrorism with other relevant States. We have also concluded a number of bilateral agreements on counter-terrorism and related areas of cooperation with neighboring countries.

Mr. Chairman,

At the national level, the Control of Money laundering Law and Rules is already in place since 2002. Myanmar also enacted the Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters Law in 2004. Furthermore, Myanmar has established the Central Control Bodies and the Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) to oversee the issue. We are also a member of the Asia Pacific Group on Money Laundering. These measures will undoubtedly contribute to our efforts in preventing financing of terrorist activities and transnational crimes.

Mr. Chairman,

In our efforts to fight against terrorism and violent extremism, promoting tolerance and dialogue among civilization and the enhancement of interfaith and intercultural understanding play an important role. Intercultural and interfaith dialogue is widely accepted as one of the most important counter-terrorism measures. Bearing this in mind, the government of Myanmar has stepped up its efforts to encourage interfaith dialogues across the country with a view to promoting understanding and trust among different communities.

In our fight against international terrorism, we are of the view that we should pay special attention to the preventive and capacity-building measures. Therefore, we would like to urge the UN and other partners to step up their assistance for capacity-building in developing countries. Myanmar welcomes such programmes, technical assistance and expert advice to the law enforcement agencies, immigration and border control officials.

Mr. Chairman,

In concluding, Myanmar reiterates its readiness to work more closely with other countries both at the regional and international level in fighting against international terrorism.

I thank you. Mr. Chairman.

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