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**ON AGENDA ITEM 107 ENTITLED
“MEASURES TO ELIMINATE
INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM”
AT THE SIXTH COMMITTEE OF THE
SIXTY-NINTH SESSION OF
THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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Mr. Chairman,

At the outset, allow me, on behalf of my delegation, to extend my heartfelt congratulations to you on your election as the Chairman of the Sixth Committee. I would also like to extend my congratulations to the other members of the Bureau.

2. My delegation would like to align its statement with that delivered by Iran on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), Egypt on behalf of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and Lao People's Democratic Republic on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).

3. My delegation wishes to take this opportunity to thank the Secretary General for his report A/69/209 on “Measure to Eliminate International Terrorism”. The report indeed has provided all of us with the updates on measures being taken by Member States and international organisations in combating terrorism.

Mr. Chairman,

4. Malaysia would like to express in the strongest term our condemnation of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, as well as all acts, methods and practices of terrorism irrespective of where, when or

whomever commits it and the reason behind it. No matter how feasible it might be, any hideous act of terrorism could not be justifiable.

5. This year, we once again, witness the escalation of terrorism activities around the world, which saw thousands of innocent people, particularly children and women, become victims and lost their lives. My delegation remains steadfast that efforts to fight terrorism demands effective international action, which is in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and universally recognised principles governing international relations and international law. This concerted efforts need to be coordinated under the leadership of the United Nations and its agencies particularly, the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force (CTITF). To this end, Malaysia always stands by the four pillars of actions under the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy.

Mr. Chairman,

6. It is my delegation's desire to witness the early conclusion of the Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism (CCIT). We strongly believe that the Convention would further compliment other existing international conventions in addressing the scourge of terrorism in a holistic manner. It goes without saying that my delegations would continue to do its utmost for the eventual conclusion of the CCIT during the upcoming working groups meeting.

7. In line with its principle, Malaysia wishes to reiterate its position under international law and the Charter of the United Nations of the legitimacy of resistance to foreign aggression and the struggle of peoples under colonial or alien domination and foreign occupation. Malaysia also wishes to remind that terrorism acts perpetrated by States and non-State actors should be treated alike. In this regard, Malaysia underlined the urgency for an internationally agreed definition of terrorism, which underpinned our basis for the upcoming negotiations.

8. My delegation would like to recall the General Assembly Resolution 68/119 calling for the convening of a high-level conference under the auspices of the United Nations. The high-level conference not only exemplifies the renew commitment of the international community but also serves as a platform to unite and coordinate global efforts to combat terrorism. We believe that it is high time for the Member States to show their commitment at this juncture.

Mr. Chairman

9. My delegation has always maintained that measures against international terrorism should not infringe upon the sovereignty and

territorial integrity of States. Terrorism should also not be associated with any race, culture or religion as this will only heighten the possibility of a world being polarized and thus propagate further unrest and violence. In this regard, Malaysia calls for greater cooperation to promote moderation and understanding among cultures, religions and civilizations in ensuring peaceful coexistence.

10. We, Malaysians, believe in a multifaceted approach in combating terrorism. Terrorism needs to be addressed in a more comprehensive manner, including identifying its root cause, and not through the use of force alone. To do so, it is important to emphasise on education, in order to overcome ignorance, backwardness and illiteracy. Education would also provide the opportunity to escape poverty and also reduces the tendency of people turning to extremist ideologies.

Mr. Chairman,

11. My delegation also believes that sharing of ideas and expertise in de-radicalization and counter radicalization programmes are essential in addressing the root causes of terrorism. Enhanced capacity building is required for Member States to keep pace with the latest tactics of terrorist operations. This is particularly so in addressing the growing trends in the use of internet to communicate and disseminate terrorist propaganda materials. My delegations supports continuous sharing of experiences and best practices between Member States and welcomes training and enhanced capacity building programmes in countering cyber terrorism.

12. Notwithstanding that my delegation wishes to reiterate our commitment to prevent terrorist groups from using our country as their base for personnel recruitment and fund raising. Consecutive arrests of terrorist suspects within past few months by the Royal Malaysian Police, is testimony of our seriousness to combat terrorism in Malaysia.

13. Malaysia has recently amended the Anti-Money Laundering and Anti-Terrorism Financing Act (AMLATFA), which would enhance the investigation powers of the law enforcement agencies in the procedures for freezing assets related to terrorism. The newly amended legislation comprehensively provides for the freezing of terrorist funds and for the implementation of UNSCR 1267 and to a larger extent, UNSCR 1373. The law has entered into force since 1 September 2014.

14. As a member of ASEAN, Malaysia has signed and ratified the ASEAN Convention on Counter-Terrorism (ACCT), which provides for a greater cooperation among Member States in dealing with the threat of terrorism. Malaysia also participated in the recent concluded 12th ARF Inter-Sessional Meeting (ISM) on counter-terrorism and transnational

crime in Bali on 14-16 April 2014, which re-examined the work plan on counter-terrorism and transnational crime under the purview of the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF).

Mr. Chairman,

15. My delegation wishes to refer to the UN Security Council Resolution 2178 (2014), which Malaysia co-sponsored. We reiterate our support of the Resolution to address the Foreign Terrorist Fighter (FTF) threat. These included to prevent the entry or transit of individuals linked to terrorism, target funding for terror groups, and to implement legislation to prosecute and penalise those afflicted with terror groups, including withholding travel documents and sharing airline information. Further, Malaysia recognised that the Resolution has reflected its spirits to strengthen the commitment to galvanise international action in combating terrorism, stopping the flow of money, and recruiting the extremist groups.

16. Last week, the Prime Minister of Malaysia at the General Debate of the General Assembly had, once again, called for a global movement of moderates to counter extremism. He said that the threat to peace and security is not Islam but extremism, intolerant, violent and militant extremism. He further illustrated that the fight against extremists must be won, not just in Syria and Iraq, but around the world including Malaysia. It is in this spirit, we hope more will join the cause to combat terrorism.

17. We are perturbed that the scourge of terrorist has shown sign of re-emergence, through the active involvement of the foreign terrorist fighters' phenomenon in Syria and Iraq. My delegation wishes to call upon all Member States to redouble their efforts in addressing the issue of terrorism. To conclude, my delegation wishes to reassure Malaysia's strong commitment towards the fight against terrorism. Malaysia will not rest its laurels until the heinous crime of terrorism is completely eradicated.

I thank you.