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Mr. Chairman,

1. Since this is the first time my delegation is taking the floor, I wish to join the preceding 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.
2. My delegation wishes to align itself with the statement delivered by Lao PDR on behalf of the *ASEAN* and the statement by Iran on behalf of the *NAM* under this agenda item.

Mr. Chairman,

3. My delegation would like to thank the Secretary General for his comprehensive report on “*Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism*” contained in document (A/69/209). Taking this opportunity, we also wish to express our appreciation to respective Member States for their valuable inputs in the report.
4. My delegation acknowledges the important role of the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED) in providing technical assistance to the Member States in countering terrorism. We are encouraged by the successful completion of the Fourth Review of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy in June this year.

Mr. Chairman,

5. The year 2014 is of significance to Myanmar in terms of legislative developments as we have promulgated various important legislations with regard to countering terrorism. My delegation wishes to inform the Committee that in March of this year, we have enacted *Anti-Money Laundering Law*. Subsequently in June, *Anti-Terrorism Law* came in force in our country. We will continue to cooperate with the relevant UN bodies, especially in the development of necessary legislations.

6. Myanmar has become a state party to 11 international counter-terrorism instruments to date and a signatory to one. We are looking at the possibility of signing or acceding to more relevant international or regional instruments.

Mr. Chairman,

7. Myanmar joins the international community in condemning terrorism in all its forms and manifestations. In his statement to the General Assembly during the General Debate, Foreign Minister *U Wunna Maung Lwin* has once again made Myanmar's position clear when he stated that "*terrorism cannot be condoned for any reason or under any circumstances. Ruthless killings and atrocities in the name of religion must not be tolerated.*"
8. In this regard, we wish to reiterate our support to the joint statement issued by the ASEAN Foreign Ministers a few days ago here in New York supporting UN Security Council Resolutions 2170 (2014) and 2178 (2014). At the same time, we are also mindful of the widely-held view that the measures to combat terrorism should be in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and such measures must be taken in conformity with international law.

Mr. Chairman,

9. We are of the view that the draft comprehensive convention on international terrorism, once finalized, would further strengthen the international cooperation in combating terrorism. We, therefore, would like to echo the view of my preceding speakers wishing to see the early concluding of the draft convention by consensus.
10. On countering terrorism, developing countries face many challenges due to lack of capacity and strong institutions. We, therefore, would like to urge the United Nations and other partners to step up their assistance for capacity-building in those countries. Myanmar welcomes such programmes and technical assistance to the law enforcement agencies, immigration and border control officials.

Mr. Chairman,

11.No country can fight or deter the rising tide of terrorism alone. Concerted international effort is the only option and recipe for success. My delegation therefore wishes to conclude by reiterating Myanmar's readiness to continue to work together with the United Nations and external partners both at the regional and international level in fighting against international terrorism.

12.I thank you. Mr. Chairman.
