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Mr. Chairman,

1. First of all, let me congratulate you for your well-deserved election to the chairmanship of this Committee. Our congratulations also go to other members of the bureau. My delegation is fully confident that your leadership will steer us toward successful conclusion of the work of our Committee.
2. My delegation wishes to associate itself with the statement delivered by the delegate of Iran on behalf of the NAM and the statement delivered by the delegate of Lao PDR on behalf of the ASEAN under this agenda item.

Mr. Chairman,

3. May I take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation to the Secretary General for his comprehensive report contained in document A/70/211 namely (Measures to eliminate international terrorism).
4. We also wish to thank all the Member States who have provided valuable inputs and shared their best practices for inclusion in the report of the Secretary General.

Mr. Chairman,

5. Countering the scourge of terrorism has been high on the agenda of the United Nations General Assembly and the Security Council for decades. Quite a number of international instruments have been put in place under the United Nations system. International cooperation and coordination have been scaled up through the adoption of a global strategy to fight terrorism in September 2006.
6. Yet, terrorism remains a serious global threat to mankind that can inflict suffering and loss of lives all people in any country all over the world. It can happen anytime anywhere. The threat of terrorism has even more formidable with the recent rise of violent extremism and terrorist fighters.
7. Myanmar had also been one of the countries affected by act of terrorist before. As such, Myanmar firmly opposes any act of terrorism in all its forms and manifestation. Past experience told us that the threat from terrorism never diminishes. We therefore share the view that terrorism is a global threat that needs global response through international cooperation in compliance with the international law, including the Charter of the United Nations.

8. Myanmar, on her part, has also been taking a series of concrete measures to fight against terrorism at the national, regional and international levels.
9. Firstly, at the national level, Myanmar has strengthened its national legislation and institutions by enacting the Domestic Law on Combating Terrorism on 4 June 2014 and criminalized various forms of terrorism as well as financing and ~~combating~~ ^{abetting} terrorism.
10. As a member of the Asia Pacific Group on Money Laundering, Myanmar has also enacted anti-money laundering law in 2002. Furthermore, the Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters Law was also enacted in 2004. The Central Control Bodies and the Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) was setup to oversee the issue.
11. In doing so, Myanmar has incorporated those preventive and control measures in the current drafting of the Rules for the recently enacted domestic Law on Suppression of Financing of Terrorism.
12. Moreover, Myanmar has invited legal experts from IMF and other financial experts to Myanmar in July 2015 to hold discussions for broader perspective and for more effective implementation.
13. Law Enforcement Agencies of our country and the international experts have exchanged experiences and legal opinions and identified legal texts to be allied with international standard.

Mr. Chairman,

14. Myanmar realizes the need to eliminate the preconditions which may lead to terrorism. For this purpose, Drug Enforcement Agencies have also stepped up measures to suppression actions and operations against narcotic drugs and related crimes.
15. At the regional level, Myanmar signed bilateral MoUs on Control of Narcotic Drugs with India, Bangladesh, Vietnam, Laos, Russian Federation, the Philippines, China, Thailand and the United States for cooperation in controlling of narcotic drugs.

Mr. Chairman,

16. As part of its effort to preventive measures against terrorism, Myanmar set up Special Traffic Police Units to detect and prevent any vehicles which may be associated with crimes, terrorist acts and illegal activities. The security system for Aviation Security also has been strictly upgraded. At the same time, Myanmar Police Force and law enforcement agencies maintain close cooperation with INTERPOL and regularly share information with INTERPOL Database in fighting transnational crimes.

17. As a member of ASEAN, Myanmar has also actively collaborating with ASEAN member States by joining the Convention on Counter Terrorism (ACCT) which is the primary framework to combat terrorism in the region. Recently Myanmar participated in the Special ASEAN Ministerial meeting to address the threat of radicalization and violent extremists.

Mr. Chairman,

18. Myanmar is taking measures to combat terrorism not only at the domestic front, but also maintains close cooperation at regional and international levels. To date, Myanmar is a State Party to 11 international instruments relating to counter terrorism. It has also been cooperating with the office of the United Nations Counter-terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED). Myanmar reinforced its commitment to anti-terror cooperation by ratifying the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction on 8 July 2015.
19. My delegation believes that coordination and cooperative efforts of all countries are crucial to achieve greater success in combating this global threat of terrorism and violent extremism. In this regard, it is of paramount importance to strengthen the national capacity both in material and technology. Myanmar would, therefore, welcomes technical and financial assistance and expert advice for law enforcement agencies, immigration and border control to strengthening its institutions and capacities to better contribute to the global response against terrorism.
20. I thank you. Mr. Chairman.
