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Mr. Chairman,

Since this is the first time the Kingdom of Thailand takes the floor, allow me to take this opportunity to congratulate you and the members of the Bureau on your elections and to assure you of our full support and cooperation during the deliberations of this Committee.

Thailand aligns itself with the statements delivered by H.E. the Permanent Representative of the Lao People's Democratic Republic on behalf of ASEAN member states and H.E. the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran on behalf of the Non-Align movement.

We also thank the Secretary-General for his report contained in document A/70/211, in particular for the valuable information it provides on measures taken at the national and international levels regarding the prevention and suppression of international terrorism, and on incidents caused by international terrorism received from the Member States and international organizations.

Mr. Chairman,

Terrorism poses daunting threats to human life, global security and stability, as well as to sustainable development and collective conscience of all nations. The Kingdom of Thailand reiterates its firm position, along with other Member States, in resolutely condemning terrorist acts in all its forms and manifestations. Perpetrators of such acts must be relentlessly pursued and brought to justice.

The fight against terrorism is a multifaceted task that is of the utmost priority. It calls for international cooperation and concrete action from all. In this light, we commit ourselves to be part of the global efforts to combat and eliminate terrorism, playing an active role at the national, regional and international levels.

At the national level, with a strong determination to suppress terrorism, the Kingdom of Thailand has been for more than a decade in the process of modernizing its law to respond to new forms of terrorist threats. In 2003, the Kingdom incorporated terrorism offences into its Penal Code, and in early 2013 it promulgated a new Transnational Organized Crime Act to implement the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crimes. These legislations have considerable strengthened our efforts to fight against terrorism.

At the regional level, as a responsible member State of ASEAN, We are committed to fully implement the ASEAN Convention on Counter Terrorism, which is the key regional framework to combat terrorism as stipulated in the ASEAN Political-Security Community Blueprint. We have also been intensifying our cooperation with other ASEAN member states to prevent and suppress all forms of terrorist acts through various fora and means.

At the international level, the Kingdom of Thailand has become Party to 9 out of 18 anti-terrorism Conventions and Protocols, and is in the process of ratifying or acceding to the remaining instruments. A new legislation is being enacted to implement the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Materials and the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Maritime Navigation. We call upon Member States to become Party to these Conventions and Protocols as soon as they can.

The Kingdom is also committed to fulfilling its obligations under relevant UNSC resolutions, including the landmark resolution 1373 of 2001 and the subsequent related resolutions. Thailand also welcomes the unanimous adoption in February this year of UNSC Resolution 2199 regarding steps to prevent terrorist groups in Iraq and Syria from benefiting from trade in oil, antiquities and hostages and from receiving external donation. In this regard, we encourage States to continuously consult with relevant UN organs with a view to effectively implementing the resolution.

Thailand stands ready to cooperate with the UN and the other member States to translate the UN Global-Terrorism Strategy into concrete practice, with the firm belief that this Strategy can serve as a common platform among member States, non-governmental organizations and civil society in preventing, tackling, and combating terrorism.

Thailand fully supports the work of the UN Counter Terrorism Committee (CTC), the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED), and other bodies in capacity building and in coordinating the member States anti-terrorist efforts. We welcome the recent outcome of the Special Meeting of the CTC held in Madrid on 28 July 2015 in relation to stemming the flow of foreign terrorist fighters.

Thailand is also proud to be the venue for the upcoming sub-regional workshops on effectively countering terrorism to be organized by the CTED during 19-23 October 2015.

Mr. Chairman,

In accordance with UNSC resolution 1540 of 2004, Thailand is committed to applying national measures to prohibit weapons of mass destruction and prevent their proliferation, in particular for terrorist purposes. In this connection, the Kingdom, with the support of the United States, held an operational meeting of relevant authorities under the framework of Proliferation Security Initiatives (PSI) on 19 July 2013. Also, Thailand is currently undergoing domestic legal processes, including amending its Nuclear Energy Act, with a view to acceding at the earliest opportunity to the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism. Moreover, we are active member of the Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism, an international cooperation framework to work closely with International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in the suppression of nuclear terrorism under domestic and international law.

Mr. Chairman,

With regard to draft Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism (CCIT), Thailand is of the view that it should contain a clear and precise definition of terrorism, without a reference to "State terrorism". We are also of the view that a finalized draft of the CCIT is a prerequisite to the convening of a high-level conference under the auspices of the United Nations

In light of growing concerns regarding terrorism and the need for global action and international cooperation in the fight against terrorism, the Kingdom of Thailand calls upon States to take extra steps this year in an effort to finalize the draft CCIT. Compromise by each of us will certainly go a long way in reaching our goal of combatting terrorism. In this regard, I would like to take this opportunity to commend Sri Lanka for its initiative to come up with a compromised text. Thailand is committed to fully engage in the ongoing discussion.

Mr. Chairman,

To supplement these legal instruments, we must also address the root causes of terrorism through promotion of interfaith dialogue and intercultural understanding and tolerance. The Member States need to tackle this challenge together vigorously and in a comprehensive manner in order to realize the ultimate goal in this fight, i.e. global peace and security.

Thank You.