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**“Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism”**  
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Mr. Chairman,

At the outset, I would like to congratulate you and other members of the Bureau for your elections to the leadership of the Committee. I trust that under your leadership, the 70th session of the Sixth Committee will result in success.

Viet Nam aligns itself with statements delivered by the Permanent Representative of Iran for the Non- Aligned Movement and Permanent Representative of Laos on behalf of ASEAN.

Mr. Chairman,

In recent years, we have witnessed real progress in international cooperation in fighting terrorism. However, terrorism in all its forms and manifestations today still is a fundamental threat to the international community. The international community continues to suffer from heinous terrorist acts with more sophisticated tactics.

Viet Nam shares the views of many other previous speakers on the grave concerns on the rise of this scourge and adopts an uncompromising attitude toward terrorism. Viet Nam reiterates strong and unequivocal condemnation of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, by whomever, wherever and for whatever purposes. Terrorism constitutes a

violation of the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and international law. Thus, terrorism in any forms and by any motive is unjustifiable and the perpetrators must be brought to justice. Given the complex nature of international terrorism, Viet Nam would like to emphasize the urgent need for a comprehensive and united approach to effectively combat terrorism at both global and regional levels, in which the United Nations playing the leading role.

In this regard, Viet Nam wishes to underscore that the fight against terrorism must be carried out in compliance with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, international law, and grounded firmly on the rule of law. At the same time, we would like to share the view that it is imperative for us to address the root causes for international terrorism, including the political, economic and social inequality and injustice.

Mr. Chairman,

For our part, Viet Nam has concentrated efforts on reinforcing the rule of law at the national level and engaging actively in cooperation activities at bilateral and multilateral levels. Last year, the Law on Counter-terrorism of Viet Nam came into effect, which sets out a comprehensive legal framework for better combating terrorism in Viet Nam and fostering Viet Nam's international cooperation to this end.

At the international level, Viet Nam attaches great importance to the counter-terrorism cooperation with the United Nations. We are actively participating in the UN-led programs to promote anti-terrorism coordination. Last year, Viet Nam ratified the International Convention on Suppression of Terrorist Bombing and The Convention Against the Taking of Hostages of 1979. Thus Viet Nam has been party to 12 major international instruments on counter-terrorism.

We appreciate the Report of the Secretary-General on Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism, A/70/211, and we are looking forward to the Secretary - General's Plan of Action to Prevent Violent Extremism early next year. At this 70th session of the United Nations General

Assembly, we welcome the establishment of a working group at the Sixth Committee to finalize the process on the draft comprehensive convention on international terrorism and to discuss the question of convening of a high-level conference under the auspices of the United Nations to formulate an international responses to terrorism in all its forms and manifestations.

Mr. Chairman,

We would like to take this opportunity to renew our commitment to promoting international cooperation in the fight against terrorism. We support the United Nations' central role in this aspect and call for continuing full implementation of the Counter-Terrorism Action Plan adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in the Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy.

I thank you Mr. Chairman.