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Statement by Mr. Vassana MOUNSAVENG, Third Secretary, Permanent Mission of the Lao PDR to the United Nations at the Sixth Committee of the 72nd Session of the United Nations General Assembly on "Measures to eliminate international terrorism" (Agenda item 110), 2-4 September 2017.

### Mr. Chairman,

- 1. At the outset, I would like to congratulate you on your election as the chair of this committee. I would also like to congratulate the other members of the Bureau. My delegation assures you of our full support and cooperation during the deliberations of this Committee.
- 2. My delegation aligns itself with the statements delivered by the Permanent Representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Kingdom of Cambodia on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) respectively.
- 3. I also wish to thank the Secretary General of the United Nations for his report on this issue which highlighted Measures taken at the national and international levels regarding the prevention and suppression of international terrorism, and information on incidents caused by international terrorism.

#### Mr. Chairman,

4. Terrorism constitutes one of the grave threats to peace and security in our contemporary world. Reports of terrorist attacks have nearly become daily news headlines. Terrorists have been employing, among others, techniques and tools that are easily accessible and necessary with our daily life, such as knives, vans, trucks. This makes it hard to prevent all acts of terrorism. Where such terrorist attacks are prevalent, it could adversely affect the proper functioning of the society, be it in the security or development or justice system. In this regard, the Lao PDR reiterates its position in condemning terrorist acts in all its forms and manifestations. My delegation also supports the efforts of the international community in the fight against this scourge of terrorism.

## Mr. Chairman,

5. For the fight against terrorism to be more effective, we are of the view that we need to address the root cause of terrorism. In this respect, it needs support and cooperation and implement in good faith the strategies and measures adopted by the international community that aim at addressing the root cause of terrorism.

## Mr. Chairman,

- 6. At the regional level, the Lao PDR has played an active role in the regional cooperation frameworks in the fight against terrorism. As a member of ASEAN, the Lao PDR remains committed to implementing the ASEAN Counter Terrorism Convention, which is the key regional framework to combat terrorism as well as other measures to combat terrorism as contained in the ASEAN Political-Security Community Blueprint.
- 7. At the international level, the Lao PDR supports the efforts of the international community in combating terrorism. As such, the Lao PDR is among the countries that ratified 13 relevant international conventions on counter-terrorism. Apart from carrying out our obligations under those conventions that we are party to, we are also actively implementing the obligations under the relevant United Nations Security Council Resolutions.
- 8. The Lao PDR welcomes the initiative of the Secretary General of the United Nations to establish the Counter-Terrorism Office aimed at strengthening the coordination and coherence works of the United Nations in giving support to Member States to effectively implement the United Nations' Global-Terrorism Strategy.
- 9. In conclusion, Mr. Chairman, the Lao PDR reaffirm our commitment to work with the international community in the efforts to prevent and eliminate terrorism in all its forms and manifestations.

#### I thank you, Mr. Chairman.