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ON AGENDA ITEM 111:

**MEASURES TO ELIMINATE INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM
AT THE 6TH COMMITTEE OF THE
73RD SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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Mr. Chairman,

First of all, I would like to congratulate you on your election as the Chair of the 6th Committee. My delegation will render our full cooperation and support in the work of the 6th Committee.

2. Malaysia aligns itself with the statement made by Cambodia on behalf of ASEAN, the statement made by Iran on behalf of the Non-Alignment Movement (NAM) and the statement made by Saudi Arabia on behalf of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC).



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Mr. Chairman,

3. Malaysia condemns all acts, methods and practices of terrorism, including by Da'esh which have brought nothing but loss of innocent lives and damages to public property and infrastructure. The actions of the terrorist is unacceptable. Therefore, Malaysia is of the view that terrorism should not be associated with any religion, nationality, civilisation or ethnic group.

4. Malaysia reiterates that the fight against terrorism will not end until the root causes are addressed. Almost all actions of terror were committed by groups who felt that they have been brutally oppressed, with nowhere to seek redress. Although the acts of terrorism should never be justified, it is vital for us to address the root causes. Otherwise the vicious cycle of terrorism and violence will never end.

5. In this context, Malaysia would like to stress that terrorism should not be equated with the legitimate struggle of peoples under foreign occupation from self-determination.



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Mr. Chairman,

6. Malaysia remains committed to tackle the threats of terrorism and believes that combating terrorism requires the 'whole-of-nation' approach. To which, Malaysia has taken the necessary steps to strengthen national legal frameworks and mobilise the relevant authorities to intensify enforcement efforts.

7. Terrorism in Malaysia is criminalised under the Penal Code (Amendment) Act 2014 and the Security Offence (Special Measures) Act 2012. At the international level, Malaysia is a State Party to 9 out of 14 international legal instruments concerning counter-terrorism. Malaysia is also a Party to the 2007 ASEAN Convention on Counter Terrorism and a Partner of the US-led Global Coalition against ISIS/Da'esh since September 2015. The membership is a testament to Malaysia's willingness to address the threat of nuclear terrorism and to secure nuclear material and technology from falling into the wrong hands.

Mr. Chairman,

8. While various measures have been put in place to tackle the threat of terrorism, Malaysia remains concern with the challenges that can be brought about by the returning Foreign Terrorist Fighters (FTF). Malaysia acknowledge the difficulties in restricting the returning FTF from disseminating their ideology to the public at large. In addressing this threat, winning the heart and mind of the returning FTFs and the public has become the key part in all our efforts.



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9. Countering the narratives of the terrorist and extremists, deradicalisation, rehabilitation and reintegration programs for the FTFs, as well as advocating mainstream religious views to the public especially to the youths are among the measures taken that we hope would bring fruition in our efforts to eliminate the threats of terrorism.

10. On top of our domestic measures, Malaysia believes that combating terrorism requires strengthened bilateral, regional and multilateral cooperation, enhancing exchange of information, sharing of expertise and improving counter messaging mechanisms, are necessary for us to counter this threat that does not recognise borders and nationalities.

Mr. Chairman,

11. Malaysia welcomes the adoption of Resolution A/72/L.62: The United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy Review during the 6th Biennial Review of the Global Counter Terrorism Strategy (GCTS), which was held from 26 to 27 June 2018 in New York and welcomes the launch of the Code of Conduct (COC) towards Achieving a World Free of Terrorism, initiated by Kazakhstan during the high-level segment of UNGA on 28 September 2018.



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12. Malaysia believe that our agreements on these two important documents could contribute towards the progress of the negotiating process of the Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism (CCIT). The GCTS AND CCIT will serve as useful references for Member States in crafting their plan and strategies in countering terrorism.

13. To conclude, I would like to reaffirm my delegation commitment and support to the work of the United Nations in combating terrorism and would continue to provide constructive contributions to the work of the 6th Committee under your chairmanship.

Thank you.