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**The Delegation of Indonesia
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“Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism”
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Mr. Chairman,

I wish to begin by congratulating you upon your assumption of the Chairmanship of the Bureau of the Sixth Committee.

Congratulations also go to other members of the Bureau on their election. Let me assure you of my delegation's full support and cooperation in your efforts to ensure success in the work of the Committee.

I also would like to associate myself with the statements delivered earlier, by Iran on behalf of the NAM; by Cambodia on behalf of the Association of the South East Asia Nations (ASEAN), and by Saudi Arabia on behalf of the Organization of Islamic Countries.

Mr. Chairman,

The increasing threats of terror and continued spread of violent extremism place us all in a situation where our national strategies and cooperation to counter these dangers will be further tested. In the last four years, at least 11 terrorist attacks have occurred in Indonesia. More seriously, in the last two years, such attacks involved women and children as perpetrators.

Furthermore, in the era of digital technology, the spread of terrorism by means of the internet and social media, has become a real threat to international peace and security, especially for a country like Indonesia with over 150 million active internet users. In this regard, and towards addressing such emerging challenges and maintain our efforts in countering terrorism, allow me to emphasize the following three points:

First, strengthening legal measures and the rule of law is of the utmost importance.

In addition to the updated anti-terrorism law (5/2018) and in order to address emerging threat of the misuse of technology for spreading terrorism and violent extremism, Indonesia has put in place legislations to manage the content of digital traffic through

Law on Information and Electronic Transaction as well as Minister for Communication and Information regulations. Some of the measures include:

- a. Mechanisms to verify social media accounts through identification of active phone numbers.
- b. Commitment of social media platforms to expedite the handling of terrorist content.
- c. Commitment of internet service providers to filter content through artificial intelligence.

This is further supported by an established cyber patrol unit as well as reporting mechanisms. Going forward, Indonesia will look to strengthen Public Private Partnerships.

We also underline the importance of international law in overcoming international terrorism. Indonesia has displayed its seriousness and solidarity in this pertinent area among other by joined the adoption of the Christchurch Call to Eliminate Terrorist and Violent Extremist Content Online.

Indonesia has also ratified eight international instruments on the counter terrorism. Nevertheless, at this stage, we remain perceive that different stands among member States on Comprehensive Convention concerning International Terrorism still exist. Indonesia wishes to reiterate its position that the definition of international terrorism shall be in compliance with the international law, particularly international humanitarian law.

Furthermore, in regional level, Indonesia has promoted the implementation of ASEAN Convention on Counter Terrorism. We have also actively involved in the creation of ASEAN Plan of Action to Prevent and Counter the Rise of Radicalization and Violent Extremism 2018-2025.

Second, my delegation always believe that collaboration among States, international organizations and other stakeholders is paramount important. As no region is immune against the threats of terrorism, therefore global cooperation is the only real effort to counter the issues.

Indonesia remains solidly committed to efforts to counter terrorism, including under the UN framework. In this connection, Indonesia plays an active role in cooperating with the United Nations Office on Counter Terrorism (UNOCT/UNCCT), the United Nations Counter Terrorism Implementation Task Force (CTITF), Terrorism Prevention Branch-United Nations Office for Drugs and Crime (TPB-UNODC), and the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Executive Directorate (UNCTED). In that connection, Indonesia continues to make efforts to implement the four pillars of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy (UNGCTS).

In addition to Indonesia's ongoing support under the UN framework, Indonesia also actively participates in the Global Counter-Terrorism Forum (GCTF), especially as a co-chair of the Southeast Asia Capacity Building Working Group (SEAWG), alongside Australia.

The global terrorism movement always finds new strategies and forms to threaten the world. Thus, the cooperation between the United Nations and regional organizations is very important to prevent, eradicate, and protect our society from the threat of terrorism for now and in the future

On more specific area of cooperation, my delegation would like to emphasize that, in fact, working with States and international organizations in the area of capacity building remains critical.

Mr. Chairman,

Third, my delegation wishes to maintain the importance of the balance approaches between hard and soft measures. In addition to hard approach particularly through legal enforcement, Indonesia also underlines the importance of a three-pronged approach of dialogue, empowerment, and reintegration in countering terrorism and implementing de-radicalization strategies. The objective of this approach is to build trust, eradicate the ideology of terrorism, and employ former terrorists to preach about the error of their ways.

Hence, it is essential that de-radicalization programs be complemented by counter-radicalization. We need to encourage counter-radicalization programs that involve important stakeholders such as civil society organizations, teachers, religious leaders, the media (including social media), families, women and youths.

Finally, we believe that through ensuring respect for human rights, fundamental freedoms for all and the rule of law as the basis for the fight against terrorism, it would generate more effective counter-terrorism efforts.

I thank you, **Mr. Chairman**.
