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Madame Chair,

1. At the outset, allow me to join others in congratulating you along with other members of your Bureau on the election.
2. Thailand aligns itself with the statements delivered by the distinguished representatives of **Iran on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement** and **Cambodia on behalf of ASEAN**.
3. Thailand also would like to thank the Secretary-General for his report and information contained in document A/78/221 on measures taken at the national and international levels to eliminate international terrorism.

Madame Chair,

4. Over the years, terrorism has grown in complexity. It is undeniably a cause of immense suffering, destruction and disruption of countless lives of innocent civilians. Thailand is firmly committed to preventing and combating terrorism. In this light, allow me to highlight the following four points:
5. First, terrorism knows no borders and respects no boundaries. Easier access to the Internet also opens channels for terrorists to resort to online platforms to propagate their ideologies, exploit others' grievances to gain sympathy and followers, and seek funding. Against this backdrop, **a comprehensive and multifaceted approach encompassing measures to prevent and combat terrorism, including in the digital domain, while respecting human rights and the rule of law**, is thus needed. Thailand, therefore, **welcomes the adoption of the General Assembly resolution 77/298 on the 8<sup>th</sup> review of the Global Counter Terrorism Strategy**, which is a testament that international cooperation is imperative to a comprehensive and sustainable solution to terrorism.

6. Second, Thailand wishes to reiterate our firm commitment to preventing and combating terrorism. At the **national level**, Thailand has recently adopted the the new National Action Plan on Counter Terrorism (2023-2027) and the National Guideline on Strengthening Co-existence amidst Social Diversity. What is embedded in both documents is the **promotion of moderation, peaceful expressions, inter-faith dialogue, and a Culture of Peace, while fostering an environment where individuals feel included, valued and empowered** – a key concept for a resilient society, in which understanding prevails over division and prejudices, and also a very key concept for a comprehensive and sustainable solution to terrorism.
  
7. Thailand's **commitment to the fight against terrorism extends beyond our borders**. We work closely with our partners to facilitate the sharing of intelligence and best practices. We also actively participate in many regional and international forums, including the ASEAN Ministerial Meetings on Transnational Crime, the ASEAN Regional Forum, the BIMSTEC Joint Working Group on Counter Terrorism and Transnational Security, the Financial Action Task Force Global Network and the Global Counterterrorism Forum.
  
8. Third, Thailand attaches great importance to capacity building. We are honored to have co-organized various counter-terrorism programmes and activities, many of which are with UN entities. For example, in February of this year, Thailand's Office of the National Security Council co-hosted a Workshop on Whole-of-Government Crisis & Strategic Communications for Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism with UNOCT. The following month, Thailand's Ministry of Foreign Affairs co-organized a training programme on National Proliferation Awareness and Commodity Identification with UNODC.

Thailand believes that **capacity building is essential to the effective implementation of the GCTS strategy and to the global efforts to fight against terrorism as a whole.**

9. Fourth, Thailand **supports the continuation of the deliberation on the draft Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism.** The conclusion of such a Convention would strengthen efforts and cooperation at the international level in preventing, combating and eliminating terrorism.

Madame Chair,

10. To conclude, Thailand wishes to reiterate our commitment to preventing and combating terrorism. We are inspired by the Secretary-General's call for **a future without terrorism.** Terrorism is a shared global threat and it could be best addressed once the international community joins hands and works in synergy and solidarity to attain this future. Together, we can overcome this challenge and threat from terrorism. And together, we can create a safer, more peaceful and prosperous world for present and future generations.

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