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**ON AGENDA ITEM 110:
MEASURES TO ELIMINATE INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM**

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Mr. Chair,

Congratulations on your election as Chair of the Sixth Committee. You can be assured of my delegation's full support.

2. Malaysia aligns itself with statements made by Iran on behalf of (NAM), Saudi Arabia on behalf of (OIC), and Cambodia on behalf of (ASEAN).

Mr. Chair,

3. Malaysia strongly condemns terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, including acts in which States were directly or indirectly involved, wherever and whenever they occur. We reiterate our call for robust and effective international action in our collective fight against terrorism, with full respect of the UN Charter as well as universally recognised principles of law.

4. Malaysia condemns the attacks in Lebanon, as well as the persisting assaults against the Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank, which in our view is a prime example of State-sponsored and State-perpetrated terrorism. We are extremely concerned by the blatant abuse of countering terrorism efforts by Israel as a pretext for grossly violating international humanitarian law and international human rights law. We are also deeply concerned with the arbitrary designation of a UN agency – UNRWA, as a terrorist organisation by Israel. This is utterly unacceptable and must not be tolerated.

5. We remain concerned that attribution of terrorism to a particular religion, nationality, civilisation, or ethnic group continues until today. We strongly reject the negative stereotyping and profiling of Muslims as terrorists. Such acts are wrong and a blatant discrimination against Muslims. No religion propagates terrorism; and no nationality, civilisation, or ethnic group is predisposed to it.

6. The fight against terrorism requires concerted efforts through the UN, as well as through regional and bilateral initiatives. Effective counter-terrorism measures must include strengthening intelligence-sharing, fortifying border security, disrupting terrorist financing, promoting counter-narratives, and enhancing international cooperation in law enforcement. Malaysia fully supports the four pillars of action contained in the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy (GCTS). We welcome the consensus adoption of resolution 77/298 on the Eighth Review of the Strategy in June 2023, and look forward to the Ninth Review of the Strategy in 2026.

Mr. Chair,

7. On the domestic front, Malaysia continues to enhance its counter-terrorism legal framework. We firmly believe that preventive measures are more effective in addressing terrorism-related threats. We will continue to enact new laws as and when necessary, consistent with our international obligations.

8. Malaysia is party to 11 (eleven) of the international counter-terrorism conventions and protocols, and a party to the ASEAN Convention on Counter Terrorism at the regional level. We maintain strong cooperation with foreign law enforcement authorities in the investigation and prosecution of alleged terrorists and their activities. This helps further strengthen our domestic counter-terrorism efforts.

9. We continue to pay close attention to the threat of online radicalisation and recruitment, especially those targeting youth, and strongly believe in the importance of winning “hearts and minds”. The Southeast Asia Regional Centre on Counter-Terrorism based in Kuala Lumpur, continues to actively engage the public through its counter-messaging initiatives.

Mr. Chair,

10. Malaysia continues to give constructive responses to UN reporting mechanisms such as the Counter-Terrorism Committee pursuant to Security Council resolution 1373 (2001) and the 1540 (2004) Committee. We were pleased to host the physical component of the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate’s hybrid visit to Malaysia from 7 to 9 November 2022, on behalf of the Counter-Terrorism Committee. We appreciated the open and productive discussions in examining Malaysia’s achievements since 2006.

11. We recognise the benefits of conferences and meetings held by relevant UN agencies and bodies dealing with counterterrorism. We commend the UN Office of Counter-Terrorism for initiating important discussions on the multiple dimensions of the threat and challenges in countering terrorism. Malaysia has and will continue to participate in these discourses and trainings.

Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism

12. We remain open and supportive to the proposal of convening a high-level conference under the auspices of the UN to formulate a joint, organised response of the international community to terrorism in all its forms and manifestations. We also believe that the convening of the high-level conference should not hinge on the conclusion of the Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism (CCIT).

13. We appreciate the efforts to finalise the draft CCIT by the Working Group on measures to eliminate terrorism, and will continue to participate actively and constructively in the discussions. We urge all Member States to demonstrate the political will necessary to finalise this vital convention.

Mr. Chair,

14. No nation is immune to the threat of international terrorism. It is therefore crucial for the international community to present a united front against terrorism. Success in this endeavour would only be possible through collective efforts and international cooperation. Please be assured that Malaysia will continue to support the international community's efforts in the fight against terrorism.

Thank you.