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## **STATEMENT**

by Ms. Vu Thi Mai Lien, Minister Counsellor of the Permanent Mission of Viet Nam to the United Nations at the Sixth Committee of the 80<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Assembly Agenda item 109: "Measures to eliminate international terrorism"

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Mr. Chair,

I wish to join other colleagues in congratulating you and the distinguished members of the Bureau on your election. I am confident that, under your able leadership, the Sixth Committee will achieve productive outcomes during this session.

Viet Nam aligns itself with the statements delivered on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement and ASEAN.

Mr. Chair,

Despite the concerted efforts of the international community, terrorism continues to pose a grave threat to international peace and security. Its root causes - including poverty and political, economic, and social disparities - remain unresolved, while new challenges have emerged from the misuse of emerging technologies, cyberspace, and transnational financial networks.

In this context, allow me to share the following points:

*First,* Viet Nam unequivocally condemns terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, regardless of motivation. No cause, religion, or ethnic identity can ever justify acts of terror or their association with counter-terrorism measures. All perpetrators must be duly prosecuted in accordance with international law and national legislation.

**Second**, all counter-terrorism measures must fully comply with the UN Charter, international law, and international humanitarian and human rights law. We stress the sovereign rights and responsibilities of all States to prevent and suppress acts of terrorism within their jurisdictions, while avoiding politicization and respecting the sovereignty and territorial integrity of all States.

**Third**, to eradicate terrorism and violent extremism, we must address their root causes. Strengthening community resilience through poverty reduction, inclusive and sustainable development, and national unity is essential to preventing radicalization.

**Fourth**, an effective response to international terrorism also requires coordinated actions at the national, regional, and global levels. In this connection, Viet Nam supports ongoing discussions on the draft Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism and the convening of a high-level UN conference to advance this long-standing initiative. We also support efforts to streamline the UN counterterrorism architecture for greater coherence and effectiveness.

Mr. Chair,

Viet Nam remains fully committed to implementing the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy and to fulfilling its international obligations in this regard.

At the national level, we have strengthened our legal and institutional frameworks, including through the 2024 National Action Plan on Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism and Weapons Proliferation, in line with UN and FATF standards. We have improved asset-freezing mechanisms, inter-agency coordination, and cyber governance to curb online extremist activities.

At the regional and international levels, Viet Nam is party to 13 of the 19 UN counter-terrorism conventions and actively contributes to initiatives under the ASEAN, UNODC, UNOCT, and INTERPOL frameworks. We have co-organized workshops with UNODC on countering terrorist financing and the misuse of virtual assets, joined regional networks on preventing violent extremism, and strengthened cooperation in law enforcement with partners through new bilateral agreements and joint exercises.

Notably, this October, Viet Nam will host the Signing Ceremony of the **UN** Convention on Cybercrime (the "Hà Nội Convention"), to promote its early entry into force and to advance global cooperation against the misuse of the internet for criminal purposes, including extremist and terrorist activities.

In conclusion, Viet Nam reaffirms its unwavering commitment to working with all Member States, and relevant UN agencies and organizations to promote a comprehensive, balanced, and law-based approach to counter-terrorism.

I thank you./.