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ON AGENDA ITEM 111: MEASURES TO ELIMINATE INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM

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Bureau would be able to steer the proceedings of the Committee in an able and efficient manner.

2. My delegation wishes to align our statement with that made by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on behalf of the Organisation of the Islamic Cooperation (OIC), the Islamic Republic of Iran on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) and the Kingdom of Cambodia on behalf of the Association of the Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).

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Madam Chair,

- 3. Malaysia joins other delegations in strongly condemning terrorism in all its forms and manifestations irrespective of where, when or whomever commits it. It is a concern that no place on earth is truly safe from terrorism. The hideous crime has reared its ugly head far too many times and affected too many lives across the globe.
- 4. Against this alarming backdrop, the fight against terrorism should be done in a concerted manner, through the United Nations as well as regional and bilateral initiatives. On this, Malaysia is truly supportive of all pillars of actions contained in the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy (GCTS), and further welcomed the consensus adoption of resolution 75/291 on the Seventh Review of the GCTS on 30 June 2021.
- 5. Further to the GCTS, Malaysia continues to focus its primary counter-terrorism efforts on preventive and prescriptive measures. Malaysia has responded positively to the international call for cooperation to combat terrorism by strengthening

6. Malaysia shares the concern that the COVID-19 pandemic may exacerbate an already complex, evolving and increasingly localised terrorism threat. Measures imposed to curb the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic such as the movement control orders may have negatively impacted the operational activities of terrorists but have also inadvertently exposed the general public to the danger of online radicalisation and recruitment.

Through SEARCCT, Malaysia looks forward to collaborating with the UN Counter-Terrorism Centre (UNCCT) to organise a national in-depth workshop at the end of this month that is designed for law enforcement and criminal justice officers whose work entails gathering online information on terrorist threats, investigation and prosecution of terrorist activities.

12. We also welcome the convening of the Second UN Counter-Terrorism Week by the UNOCT, including the Second UN High-Level Conference of Heads of Counter-Terrorism Agencies of Member States

Madam Chair,

15. It has been nearly five decades since this item was first included in the agenda of

the twenty-seventh session of the General Assembly in 1972, during which the Ad Hoc

Committee on International Terrorism was established. The fact that this item remains to

be included in the successive sessions until the present proves that despite the

commitment of the international community, the scourge of terrorism remains very much

prevalent.

16. Malaysia reiterates its commitment to work within the United Nations framework in

the efforts to prevent and eliminate terrorism in all its forms and manifestations. Although

Assembly as well as our commitment to see a world free from terrorism.

Thank you.