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Statement by
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in the Sixth Committee
on
Agenda item 100: Measures to eliminate international terrorism
(New York, 12 October 2006)

Mr. Chairman,

As my Delegation is taking the floor for the first time, allow me to congratulate you and members of your Bureau for having been elected to lead the work of this committee. We are confident that under your stewardship our committee will achieve fruitful results. Be assured, Mr. Chairman, that my delegation will render our full support and cooperation.

We thank the Secretary-General and the Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee on Terrorism for their comprehensive reports.

My delegation fully aligns itself with the statement made by the distinguished Permanent Representative of Viet Nam on behalf of ASEAN.

Mr. Chairman,

Terrorism poses a serious threat to the entire international community. It threatens territorial integrity, undermines the rule of law and destabilizes governments. Myanmar condemns terrorism in all its forms and manifestation, committed by whomever, wherever and for whatever purposes. This global

menace must be overcome with the determined efforts of the entire international community.

Myanmar together with other ASEAN member states, hold the view that effective undertaking against terrorism must be comprehensive, balanced and in conformity with the international law, particularly the principles of national sovereignty, territorial integrity and non-interference in the internal affairs of states.

Mr. Chairman,

The 2005 World Summit Outcome mandated the General Assembly to develop a counter-terrorism strategy, with a view to promote comprehensive, coordinated and consistent responses, at the national, regional and international levels to counter terrorism. My delegation, therefore, welcomes the adoption of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy and the Plan of Action which were adopted during the last week of the 60th Session.

Having had the bitter experience of terrorist acts perpetrated on its own soil and its diplomatic missions abroad, Myanmar is firmly committed to combat terrorism through national endeavours and cooperative efforts at regional and international levels. We have enacted 20 laws concerning the prevention, suppression and elimination of terrorism.

In order to strengthen these legislations, we are in the process of drafting "the Anti-terrorist Law" and "the Civil Aviation Security Law". Myanmar has acceded to (10) international legal instruments related to suppression of terrorism. Additionally, she has recently ratified the International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. Moreover, we have enacted –

- The Control of Money Laundering Law and
- The Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Law

Myanmar is an active member of INTERPOL and ASEANAPOL and as a member of ASEAN we are also actively participating in the regional counter-terrorism efforts under the ASEAN framework.

Mr. Chairman,

In combating terrorism, cooperative efforts at the international level are crucial. We are therefore encouraged by the adoption of the Plan of Action as part of the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy. The Plan of Action rightly recognizes that capacity building in all states is a core element of the global counter-terrorism efforts. Here, I would like to take the opportunity to express appreciation to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime for enhancing its activities in counter terrorism, in particular its technical assistance at the national, global and regional levels. We also join others in encouraging the Counter-Terrorism Committee and its Executive Director to continue to improve the coherence and efficiency of technical assistance delivery in the field of counter-terrorism.

Mr. Chairman,

The serious threat posed by terrorism can only be overcome with the collective efforts of the entire international community. Myanmar is firm in its resolve to combat this menace in a cooperative endeavour together with other members of the international community.

I thank you Mr. Chairman.