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MEASURES TO ELIMINATE INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM

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Mr. Chairman,

1. First of all, allow me to warmly congratulate you upon your assumption as Chairman of our Committee. We are confident that under your leadership and guidance, the Committee will be able to carry out its work with great success.
2. My Delegation wishes also to align itself with the Statement made today by the Permanent Representative of Viet Nam on behalf of all ten Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).

Mr. Chairman,

3. I would like to take this opportunity to stress that Cambodia deeply regrets the acts of violence against the United States Consulate in Benghazi. We send our deepest condolences to the families of Ambassador Stevens and other US consulate personnel who were killed during this attack. While we deeply sympathize with members of the Muslim community who expressed legitimate outrage over the anti-Islamic video, we condemn all acts of violence.
4. Considering the grave threat of extremist movements and the complex nature of international terrorism, the Royal Government of Cambodia is deeply committed to fighting terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, and is cooperating with all ASEAN countries and UN Member States as well as United Nations Agencies in this effort.
5. By recognizing the leading role of the United Nations in improving coordinated policies and actions against international terrorism, Cambodia fully supports the Resolution A/RES/66/282 adopted on 12 July 2012 by the General Assembly, on the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy Review. This critical strategy, the first comprehensive and internationally approved framework for tackling terrorism, builds on the unique consensus of all Member States to condemn terrorism.
6. Cambodia also welcomes the report of the Secretary General on the UN activities in implementing this strategy, issued as UN document A/66/762 in April this year. We also appreciate the work and efforts made by relevant United Nations bodies, entities, and other international, regional and sub-regional organizations aimed at supporting, recognizing and protecting the rights of victims of terrorism in all its forms.
7. During the ASEAN Summit in Phnom Penh in April 2012, the leaders of ASEAN adopted the “Global Movement of the Moderates” (GMM), which seeks to drown out the voices of extremism by elevating the voices of moderation. Such efforts are indicative of Cambodia's leadership as Chair of ASEAN. We invite all States to join us in this initiative in our efforts to marginalize extremism and combat terrorism.

8. Last year, Cambodia ratified the ASEAN Convention on Counter Terrorism. To date, Cambodia has also ratified all important Conventions and Protocols of the United Nations on Counter-Terrorism. Moreover, to bolster our capacity to prevent and suppress terrorism and transnational crimes, my country has enacted a multitude of important laws and regulations including: the Criminal Code, Criminal Procedural Code, Law on Anti-Terrorism, Law on Anti-Money Laundering and Terrorism Financing, Law on Control of Arms, Explosives and Ammunitions and Law on Drug Control.
9. On the basis of this legislation, regional and international treaties, tireless efforts by the Cambodian National Police and other law enforcement agencies, and international cooperation with relevant entities, my country has achieved remarkable successes in preventing and suppressing terrorism and transnational crimes. We are in the process of setting forth and promoting the “Safe Village, Safe Commune Policy” which aims to ensure the participation of villagers and civil society organizations, including political parties, to ensure security and safety in villages and communes throughout the country.
10. Besides implementing reforms and building operational capacity of the national police and other law enforcement agencies, the Royal Government of Cambodia has given much attention to inter-agency cooperation at the national level.
11. Two years ago, Cambodia launched various national committees for an effective response to the threat of terrorism, namely the National Counter-Terrorism Committee, the National Authority for Preventing Chemical, Nuclear, Biological and Radioactive Explosives, the National Committee for Reform on Arms Control and the National Committee for Maritime Security. With these various national committees, we hope to share our best practices with other countries for successful prevention and suppression of international terrorism.
12. Capacity-building by all Member States is a core element of the global counter-terrorism effort. My country is committed to, and highly values, increased support and cooperation with other United Nations Member States and related international agencies. We pledge to further enhance coordination and coherence with the UN System.
13. In conclusion, Mr. Chairman, I wish to reassure you that Cambodia will continue to effectively contribute to UN efforts in countering terrorism and in supporting the implementation of the Strategy. Ensuring International Peace and Security is our common responsibility. Protecting the world free from fear is our common duty!

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.