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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 by the Permanent Representative of Lao People's Democratic Republic 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 raise of violence and brutality committed by the extremist organizations and radical groups in Iraq and Syria. While we deeply sympathize with members of the Muslim community who expressed legitimate outrage over this violence, we strongly condemn all acts of killings perpetrated by the terrorist "Islamic State" against religious ethnic minorities and denounce the brutal execution of innocent people.
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 UN Security Council Resolutions No. 2170 and 2178 (2014) which call on the international community to suppress the flow of foreign terrorist fighters and financing to prevent terrorist groups and their supporters from posing a threat to international peace and security as well as to prevent and suppress the recruiting, organizing, transporting or quipping of individuals who travel to a State other than their States of residence or nationality for the purpose of the perpetration, planning or preparation of, or participation in terrorist acts or the providing or receiving of terrorist training, and the financing of their travel and of their activities.
6. Cambodia also welcomes the report of the Secretary General of the United Nations on the Measures to eliminate international terrorism as contained in the document A/69/209 dated 11 September 2014. 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. By undertaking the collective efforts at regional levels to fight against international terrorism, my Royal Government would like also to reiterate the recent ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Statement on 26 September 2014, on the Rise of Violence and Brutality committed by Terrorist/Extremist Organizations in Iraq and Syria. We invite all States to join us in this initiative in our efforts to marginalize extremism and combat terrorism.
8. To date, Cambodia has ratified all important Conventions and Protocols of the United Nations and the ASEAN Convention 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, 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. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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.