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Mr. Chairman,

First of all, I would like to congratulate you and other members of the Bureau for your elections to the leadership of the Committee. I trust that under your leadership, the Committee will be successful in its work during this session. Viet Nam would like to align with the statements delivered by the Permanent Representative of Iran for the Non- Aligned Movement and Permanent Representative of Laos on behalf of ASEAN.

Mr. Chairman,

In recent years, the world has made real progress in international cooperation in fighting terrorism. However, terrorism in all its forms and manifestations today still constitutes one of the most serious threats to the international community. The world continues to suffer from heinous terrorist acts, conducted by more sophisticated tactics.

Viet Nam shares the international community’s grave concerns on the rise of this scourge and adopts an uncompromising attitude toward terrorism. Terrorism in any forms and by any motive is unjustifiable and the perpetrators must be brought to justice. Given the complex nature and unpredictable trajectory of

international terrorism, Viet Nam would like to underscore the urgency for a cohesive and united approach to effectively combat terrorism at both regional and international levels. In recent years, the international community, with the United Nations playing the leading role, has made significant progress in the cooperation on counter-terrorism. States and international community should advance formal international cooperation at the global and regional levels.

In this regard, Viet Nam wishes to emphasize that the fight against terrorism must be carried out in accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, international law, and grounded firmly on the rule of law. At the same time, we would like to share the view that it is imperative to deal with all issues related to solve the root grounds for international terrorism, including the political, economic and social inequality and injustice over the world.

Mr.Chairman,

Viet Nam strongly condemns all acts of terror under any forms, especially the targeting of civilians. Last year, Viet Nam adopted the Law on Counter-terrorism which sets out a legal framework for better combating terrorism in Viet Nam and fostering Viet Nam's international cooperation to this end.

At regional level, Viet Nam and other ASEAN Member States have continued to undertake collective efforts at both national and regional levels to fight against international terrorism in line with the United Nations' Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy and all relevant United Nations Resolutions.

Viet Nam also actively participated in counter-terrorism cooperation projects and workshops initiated within the framework of ASEAN, APEC, ASEM, ASEAN-Japan Dialogue, ASEAN-Russia, ASEAN-CTED etc... In July 2014 Viet Nam hosted Regional Seminar on: "Building Capacity for Civil Security Employees and Self-employed Guards to Prevent and Respond to Terrorism", within the framework of the ASEAN-Japan Dialogue.

Mr. Chairman,

Viet Nam attaches great importance to the counter-terrorism cooperation with the United Nations. We are actively participating in the the UN-led programs to promote anti-terrorism coordination. In January 2014 Viet Nam ratified the International Convention on Suppression of Terrorist Bombing and The Convention Against the Taking of Hostages of 1979. Thus Viet Nam now is a

party to 12 international instruments on counter-terrorism. Furthermore, during the 8th plenary session of the Global Initiative on Combating Nuclear Terrorist Acts (GICNT) held in Mexico in May last year, Viet Nam has re-affirmed its support of activities and programs carried out under the framework of GICNT and related Working Group.

Mr. Chairman,

We would like to take this opportunity to renew our commitment to promoting international cooperation in the fight against terrorism. We support the United Nations' leading role in this aspect and call for continuing full implementation of the Counter-Terrorism Action Plan adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in the Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy. We encourage Member States to finalize and adopt the Draft Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism and look forward to working closely with with the United Nations specialized agencies in implementing projects of technical assistance, capacity building and strengthening the national legal framework against terrorism.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.