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Mr. Chairman,

Viet Nam associates itself with the statement delivered by H.E. Permanent Representative of the Lao PDR on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM).

Mr. Chairman,

Since the last time the Committee considered this agenda item, the world continues to witness and suffer from heinous terrorist acts. Over just one year, terrorism has taken many innocent civilian lives in Baghdad, Pathankot, Kabul, Dhaka, Nice, Istanbul, Brussels, Paris and other regions in the world. Viet Nam categorically condemns any and all acts of terrorism and extends deepest condolences to the victims and their families.

Viet Nam also wishes to reiterate our long-standing position that terrorism constitutes a violation of the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and international law. Terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, by whomever, wherever and for whatever purposes must be vigorously and unequivocally condemned.

Mr. Chairman,

International terrorism is a global challenge that requires global actions. The international community must take a comprehensive and united approach to effectively combat terrorism at both global and regional levels, with the United Nations playing the leading role.

My delegation believes that we must work closely together to realize our firm commitments to promoting international cooperation in the fight against terrorism. We must address the root causes of international terrorism, including

political, economic and social inequality and injustice. At the same time, we believe that actions to counter terrorism must be in line with international law, including international human rights and humanitarian law.

Mr. Chairman,

Viet Nam continues to reinforce the rule of law at the national level and engage actively in cooperation activities, both bilaterally and multilaterally. The Law on Counter-terrorism sets out a comprehensive legal framework for combating terrorism in Viet Nam and fostering Viet Nam's international cooperation in this endeavor.

At the regional level, Viet Nam is part of ASEAN's efforts to effectively implement ASEAN Convention on Counter Terrorism and the ASEAN Comprehensive Plan of Action on Counter Terrorism.

At the international level, Viet Nam attaches great importance to counter-terrorism cooperation with the United Nations. During the Treaty Event last month, Viet Nam submitted its Instrument of Accession to the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism. In March of this year, Viet Nam has ratified the plan of action to implement the International Convention on Suppression of Terrorist Bombing and the Convention Against the Taking of Hostages of 1979, which came into force in Viet Nam since 2014. Viet Nam has thus become the party to 12 major international instruments on counter-terrorism.

Viet Nam supports the United Nations' Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy and takes note of the Secretary-General's Plan of Action to Prevent Violent Extremism which includes recommendations to counter violent extremist behavior and radicalization.

In conclusion, Mr. Chairman, Viet Nam will spare no effort to contribute to peace, cooperation, and development in the world. Our commitment to multilateralism and international law is unwavering. We will continue to join the international community in the fight against terrorism.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman./.