

Mr. Chairman,

5. For the fight against terrorism to be more effective, we are of the view that we need to address the root cause of terrorism. In this respect, it needs support and cooperation and implement in good faith the strategies and measures adopted by the international community that aim at addressing the root cause of terrorism. .

Mr. Chairman,

6. At the regional level, the Lao PDR has played an active role in the regional cooperation frameworks in the fight against terrorism. As a member of ASEAN, the Lao PDR remains committed to implementing the ASEAN Counter Terrorism Convention, which is the key regional framework to combat terrorism as well as other measures to combat terrorism as contained in the ASEAN Political-Security Community Blueprint.
7. At the international level, the Lao PDR supports the efforts of the international community in combating terrorism. As such, the Lao PDR is among the countries that ratified 13 relevant international conventions on counter-terrorism. Apart from carrying out our obligations under those conventions that we are party to, we are also actively implementing the obligations under the relevant United Nations Security Council Resolutions.
8. The Lao PDR welcomes the initiative of the Secretary General of the United Nations to establish the Counter-Terrorism Office aimed at strengthening the coordination and coherence works of the United Nations in giving support to Member States to effectively implement the United Nations' Global-Terrorism Strategy.
9. In conclusion, Mr. Chairman, the Lao PDR reaffirm our commitment to work with the international community in the efforts to prevent and eliminate terrorism in all its forms and manifestations.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.