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Good Morning/Afternoon

Mr. Chairman,

Ladies and Gentleman / Distinguished Colleagues,

As I am speaking for the first time, I would like to congratulate the Chairman and bureau members of this Committee for their election and wish them all the best for the work ahead.

Mr. Chairman,

The world has borne witness to the atrocities and horror that terrorism has inflicted on its victims and its far reaching effects which are still present in various forms today.

The scourge of terrorism remains an omnipresent threat to international peace and security. Globalization and the widespread use of technology have led to diversity in the manner in which terrorism is carried out; from that of using traditional weapons of war to one which utilizes and abuses technology thereby creating threats without borders. In addition, terrorists are able to create widespread fear and destruction from everyday items and dual-use goods such as fertilisers.

Numerous international and regional conventions on this subject matter have been adopted to ensure that as citizens of the world, we act responsibly so that access to tools of terrorism are eliminated and that perpetrators of terror are accordingly brought to justice.

Brunei Darussalam condemns terrorism in all its forms and manifestations and believes that it should not be associated with any religion, nationality, civilization or ethnic group. Brunei Darussalam is a party to a number of international instruments and have put in place domestically legislative measures.

Our main legislation is the Anti-Terrorism Order 2011 which gives effect to Brunei Darussalam's international obligations and provides for the confiscation of assets belonging to terrorists or their organizations.

We have also established the Autoriti Monetari Brunei Darussalam (AMBD), which actively implements the Anti-Terrorism (Terrorist Financing) Regulations 2013, in fulfilment of international mandates called upon by various United Nations Security Council Resolutions relating to terrorism [namely:

- Resolution 1267 (1999), 1989 (2011) and 2253 (2015) relating to the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) and Al-Qaida sanctions;
- Resolution 1373 (2001) concerning threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts
- Resolution 1988 (2011) relating to the Taliban and associated individuals and entities who constitute a threat to the peace, stability and security of Afghanistan.]

Brunei Darussalam welcomes the various platforms such as meetings, workshops and trainings organized by international organizations to increase Member States counter-terrorism capabilities such as those conducted by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the United Nations Office of Counter Terrorism (UNOCT). These valuable workshops and trainings are beneficial as they not only serve as a means by which best practices can be shared but also where engagement with our counterparts can be fostered.

The inaugural High-Level Conference of Heads of Counter-Terrorism Agencies of Member States held in June 2018 afforded an opportunity for strengthened cooperation and sustained focus on preventing terrorism. The United Nations work on counter-terrorism in 2018 is also further buttressed by the biennial review of the Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy (GCTS), which provides the overarching vision of the UN on countering terrorism, and allows us to reassess what needs to be improved.

Mr. Chairman,

Brunei Darussalam understands that as terrorism tactics evolve, countries need to adapt their strategies and legislation to effectively address it. In tandem with this, it is even more pertinent for countries to cooperate to effectively neutralize the threat that terrorism poses to our peace and security. It is in our common interest to emulate and derive best practices from each other in our effort to constantly improve existing mechanisms. Faced with new challenges, we need to advocate and formulate new measures which are practical and efficient.

Brunei Darussalam has implemented the Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Order, 2005 (MACMO) which allows the provision of assistance even in the absence of any formal agreement or treaty and the Extradition Order, 2006 which facilitates the extradition of persons to and from Brunei Darussalam; implementing the principle of *aut dedere aut judicare*.

Brunei Darussalam adopts a whole of nation approach in tackling the issue of terrorism. Countering terrorism cannot and should not be the preserve of security, law enforcement and intelligence agencies solely. The public also plays an important role in ensuring the safety and security of the people and the country. Religious and community leaders often engage with youth to ensure that there is no manipulation of religious teachings.

At the regional level, Brunei Darussalam is working closely with other ASEAN Member States including its Dialogue Partners through various platforms such as the ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Transnational Crime (AMMTC), ASEAN Defence Ministers Meeting (ADMM), ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) and ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Transnational Crime (SOMTC). Through these various platforms, ASEAN Member States exchange information, best practices and identify focal points to facilitate cooperation. Continuous enhancement and strengthening of regional and international cooperation is the way forward in tackling this issue.

Brunei Darussalam welcomes the extensive work carried out by the Working Group annually and in particular UNSC Resolution 2396 (2017) which amongst others calls on Member States to improve judicial procedures related to terrorism and foreign terrorist fighters. We further reiterate our commitment to cooperate with others in tackling terrorism through the sharing of information and best practices.

It is only when we take a collective stand against terrorism that we can hope to ameliorate its detrimental effects and eliminate it so as to ensure lasting peace, security and stability for the world.

Thank you