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Mr. Chairman,

At the outset, I would like to congratulate you and members of the Bureau of the Sixth Committee on your election. I am confident that under your leadership the work of the Committee will achieve fruitful results.

Viet Nam associates itself with the statements delivered by the Kingdom of Cambodia on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and by the Islamic Republic of Iran on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM).

Mr. Chairman,

Over the past year, the world continues to witness heinous acts of terrorism in many corners. We join previous speakers in expressing our condolences and solidarity with the victims of terrorism and their families.

The COVID-19 pandemic has revealed several existing fragilities of our world, incubating and exacerbating the conditions conducive for violent extremism and terrorism, including poverty, unemployment, discrimination, hatred, xenophobia, inequality and injustices. Facing this unprecedented human crisis combined with the scourge of terrorism, it is essential that the international community re-double its commitment and step up joint efforts to fight terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, regardless of its

motivations, and increase our resilience to the spread of terrorism and violent extremism.

We firmly believe that reinvigorated commitment to international cooperation and multilateralism with the United Nations at the centre is critical to our joint response. We stress the need for increased synergies within the UN system and an enhanced role of regional and sub-regional organizations, local communities and all relevant stakeholders. The international community must continue to prioritize technical assistance and capacity building for Member States to detect terrorists, interdict their movement and bring them to justice.

It should be noted that any measures to prevent and combat terrorism must fully comply with the United Nations Charter, including its purposes and principles, as well as obligations under international human rights law and international humanitarian law.

As the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic will continue to test the resilience and cohesion of our society in the coming years, it is crucial to maintain a comprehensive approach to the threat posed by terrorism, including by eradicating its root causes, implementing 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda and ensuring national development and social justices.

Mr. Chairman,

Viet Nam has employed a wide range of measures to implement the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy (GCTS). We are party to 15 out of 19 universal treaties pertaining to counter-terrorism and transnational crime and have concluded a number of bilateral treaties on mutual legal assistance on criminal matters and extradition. We have worked closely with the United Nations Office of Drugs and Crimes (UNODC) and INTERPOL in capacity building and experience sharing projects, especially with regard to the threats of terrorism to maritime security and the emerging threats from the Foreign Terrorist Fighters phenomenon.

At the national level, we attach special importance to bringing our legislation in line with international commitments, including relevant UNSC resolutions on countering terrorist financing. Terrorist acts and terrorist financing acts, including those committed by legal persons, are established as criminal offences in our Penal Code, whose implementation was further guided by the Supreme Court of Viet Nam in 2019.

We are convinced that the GCTS will continue to be a guideline for our collective efforts and look forward to engaging with Member States and relevant organizations in its seventh review scheduled to take place in 2021.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman./.