Mr. Chairman,

1. I have the honour to speak on behalf of the Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) that comprises of Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Viet Nam and the Lao People's Democratic Republic.

2. Let me first sincerely congratulate you and other members of the Bureau on your elections. ASEAN is

7. ASEAN has incessantly s undertake collective efforts at regional and international levels to fight against international terrorism that is in line with the

the main principles of international law, especially the international humanitarian and human rights law shall be respected.

13. ASEAN hopes to see a world that is free from the ugly scourge of terrorism. Thus ASEAN calls on UN Member States to join efforts to combat terrorism by implementing the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy including the relevant UN Conventions and resolutions. For ASEAN part, we will actively cooperate within the UN legal framework on combating terrorism.

14. ASEAN reaffirms the importance of the further deliberations on the draft Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism at the Sixth Committee and hopes to see the finalization of the Convention. We therefore call on UN Member States to work together to address the outstanding issues in a constructive manner.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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