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territorial integrity of States. Terrorism should also not be associated with any race, culture or religion as this will only heighten the possibility of a world being polarized and thus propagate further unrest and violence. In this regard, Malaysia calls for greater cooperation to promote moderation and understanding among cultures, religions and civilizations in ensuring peaceful coexistence.

10. We, Malaysians, believe in a multifaceted approach in combating terrorism. Terrorism needs to be addressed in a more comprehensive manner, including identifying its root cause, and not through the use of force alone. To do so, it is important to emphasise on education, in order to overcome ignorance, backwardness and illiteracy. Education would also provide the opportunity to escape poverty and also reduces the tendency of people turning to extremist ideologies.

Mr. Chairman,

11. My delegation also believes that sharing of ideas and expertise in de-radicalization and counter radicalization programmes are essential in addressing the root causes of terrorism. Enhanced capacity building is required for Member States to keep pace with the latest tactics of terrorist operations. This is particularly so in addressing the growing trends in the use of internet to communicate and disseminate terrorist propaganda materials. My delegations supports continuous sharing of experiences and best practices between Member States and welcomes training and enhanced capacity building programmes in countering cyber terrorism.

12. Notwithstanding that my delegation wishes to reiterate our commitment to prevent terrorist groups from using our country as their base for personnel recruitment and fund raising. Consecutive arrests of terrorist suspects within past few months by the Royal Malaysian Police, is testimony of our seriousness to combat terrorism in Malaysia.

13. Malaysia has recently amended the Anti-Money Laundering and Anti-Terrorism Financing Act (AMLATFA), which would enhance the investigation powers of the law enforcement agencies in the procedures for freezing assets related to terrorism. The newly amended legislation comprehensively provides for the freezing of terrorist funds and for the implementation of UNSCR 1267 and to a larger extent, UNSCR 1373. The law has entered into force since 1 September 2014.

14. As a member of ASEAN, Malaysia has signed and ratified the ASEAN Convention on Counter-Terrorism (ACCT), which provides for a greater cooperation among Member States in dealing with the threat of terrorism. Malaysia also participated in the recent concluded 12th ARF Inter-Sessional Meeting (ISM) on counter-terrorism and transnational

crime in Bali on 14-16 April 2014, which re-examined the work plan on counter-terrorism and transnational crime under the purview of the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF).

Mr. Chairman,

15. My delegation wishes to refer to the UN Security Council Resolution 2178 (2014), which Malaysia co-sponsored. We reiterate our support of the Resolution to address the Foreign Terrorist Fighter (FTF) threat. These included to prevent the entry or transit of individuals linked to terrorism, target funding for terror groups, and to implement legislation to prosecute and penalise those afflicted with terror groups, including withholding travel documents and sharing airline information. Further, Malaysia recognised that the Resolution has reflected its spirits to strengthen the commitment to galvanise international action in combating terrorism, stopping the flow of money, and recruiting the extremist groups.

16. Last week, the Prime Minister of Malaysia at the General Debate of the General Assembly had, once again, called for a global movement of moderates to counter extremism. He said that the threat to peace and security is not Islam but extremism, intolerant, violent and militant extremism. He further illustrated that the fight against extremists must be won, not just in Syria and Iraq, but around the world including Malaysia. It is in this spirit, we hope more will join the cause to combat terrorism.

17. We are perturbed that the scourge of terrorist has shown sign of re-emergence, through the active involvement of the foreign terrorist
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all Member States to redouble their efforts in addressing the issue of
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