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TO THE UNITED NATIONS, ON AGENDA ITEM 110, MEASURES TO  
ELIMINATE INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM,  
SIXTH COMMITTEE,  
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Mr Chair,

1 Singapore congratulates you on your election as Chair of the Sixth Committee and assures you and the members of your bureau of our full support during this session. We also wish to thank the Secretary General for his report.

2 Terrorism remains a clear and serious threat to international peace and security. Terrorism is contrary to the rule of law and the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations, and continues to be a standing, complex challenge which no country can address alone. We need to stay vigilant and continue our efforts in the fight against international terrorism at all levels, domestically, regionally, and internationally.

3 In this respect, I wish to highlight examples of counterterrorism measures that Singapore has taken at each of these levels. First, at the domestic level, Singapore published our National Strategy on Countering the Financing of Terrorism in October 2022. This Strategy

Second, at the regional level, Singapore is co-chairing the Senior Officials Counterterrorism Policy Forum together with Australia and Thailand in 2023 and 2024 respectively. Established in 2020 under the auspices of the Sub

Regional Ministerial Meeting on Counter Terrorism and Transnational Security, this Forum undertakes detailed discussions on shared regional counterterrorism and security policy issues, identifies gaps, develops new initiatives, and drives enhanced regional connectivity between interior ministries and counterterrorism agencies. Singapore looks forward to fruitful discussions and close cooperation with other members of this regional initiative.

5 Third, at the international level, Singapore remains committed to the global fight against terrorism. We are party to 15 international counterterrorism agreements and remain supportive of the United Nations Global Counterterrorism Strategy and the ongoing efforts of the General Assembly in regularly implementing and updating it. W H Z H O F R P H W K H D G R S W L R t i o n o n t h e A s i a n \$ V V H P review of the Strategy this year.

Mr Chair,

6 The General Assembly last year recommended that this Committee at its seventyeighth session establish a working group with a view to finalizing the process on the draft comprehensive convention on international terrorism as well as discussions on the question of convening a high level conference under the auspices of the United Nations. My delegation looks forward to working closely with this working group in our efforts to achieve a ~~sen~~sual outcome concerning the outstanding issues on these matters.

7 Thank you.

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