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Intervention by

Ms. Vilayluck Seneduangdeth, Minister Counsellor,

Deputy Permanent Representative

at the Sixth Committee of the 78th Session of the United Nations General Assembly

on Agenda item 109: "Measures to eliminate international terrorism"

(7 minutes)

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Mr. Chair,

Allow me to congratulate you and all members of the bureau on your election to lead the Sixth Committee of the 78th Session and assure you of my delegation's full support and cooperation.

My delegation aligns itself with the statements delivered by Cambodia and Islamic Republic of Iran on behalf of ASEAN and Non-Aligned Movement (NAM).

Mr. Chair,

As the international community is striving to find appropriate solutions through strengthening multilateral cooperation to safeguard global peace and security, counter-terrorism remains a critical task. My delegation is of the view that terrorism in all its forms and manifestations does not only threaten stability of nations, but also cause tragic loss of lives and property and hinders socio-economic advancement including the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

The Lao PDR is a party to 13 international conventions and other instruments related to counter terrorism including the Convention on Offences and Certain Other Acts Committed on Board Aircraft in 1963, the International Convention Against the Taking Hostages in 1979, the International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings in 1997, the International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism in1999.

In addition, the Lao PDR has joined the Asia Pacific Group on Money Laundering (APG) since 2007 and committed to effective implementation and enforcement of the international standards against money laundering, financing of terrorism set by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF). Likewise, the country completed the 2nd mutual evaluation (3rd round APG) conducted by assessment team based on the FATF's 2013 assessment methodology to analyzes the level of compliance with FATF's 40 recommendations, and the report on anti-