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AT THE INFORMAL MEETING OF THE PLENARY TO DISCUSS THE REVISED TEXT
OF THE PRESIDENT'S DRAFT OUTCOME DOCUMENT OF THE HIGH-LEVEL
PLENARY MEETING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF SEPTEMBER 2005.
(CLUSTER III: PEACE AND COLLECTIVE SECURITY), THURSDAY, 28 JULY 2005
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Mr. President,

I have the honour to take the floor on behalf of my country, Malaysia, to speak on Cluster III: Peace and Collective Security.

III. PEACE AND COLLECTIVE SECURITY

• **Peacebuilding Commission**

2. Malaysia welcomes and supports the proposed establishment of a Peacebuilding Commission.

3. We believe that the General Assembly must have the primary role and responsibility in the establishment and formulation of the mandate of this Commission and in the formulation and implementation of its post-conflict peacebuilding policies and activities, notwithstanding the possible linkages between the Peacebuilding Commission and the Security Council and ECOSOC.

4. We have noted that Rev. I of the draft outcome document has presented to us a series of detailed proposals on the proposed Commission. I wish to draw our attention that there are other practical and useful proposals and suggestions advanced by other Member States which are worthy of our consideration. I urge that we consider those proposals together to enable us to reach common agreement.

5. I wish to make some specific but preliminary remarks on the proposed membership. The suggestion that the five top contributors to the UN regular budget as well as the five top troop contributing countries would automatically become members of the Commission, in essence means the creation of permanent members in the Commission. The fact remains that the pattern of top five contributors, either to the regular budget or troop contributors, has not changed. I don't envisaged that it would change in the near future either. My humble suggestion is that membership can be chosen from five out of the ten top contributors to the regular budget and similarly five from the ten top troop contributing countries.

6. We also feel that the composition of the Peacebuilding Commission should be further discussed with all Member States either in this process of consultations leading to the High- Level Plenary Meeting and/or during the 60th UNGA.

- **Use of force**

7. We believe that any discussions on the principle for the use of force should be conducted both in the Security Council and the General Assembly.

- **Terrorism**

8. The issue of terrorism must be viewed comprehensively. It is imperative that a universally accepted definition be formulated, the root causes of terrorism be identified and adequately addressed, and appropriate measures to deal with all aspects of terrorism be undertaken. In considering the question of terrorism, we must also address the legitimate struggles of peoples fighting for their right to be free from colonial and alien domination, foreign occupation and their right to independence. The Secretary- General's counter- terrorism strategy attempts to address some of these issues. While we welcome the proposal for the General assembly to discuss the strategy, it would be premature to say that it would be adopted as proposed as there are some important elements which have been excluded. For example, it fails to make reference to the root causes of terrorism, which inter-alia includes political grievances, economic and social marginalisation, regional conflict, foreign occupation, and oppression.

- **Transnational crime**

9. We note that the issue of "corruption" has only been given a brief mention in paragraph 95. Malaysia considers the issue of corruption as an important element as it is one of the greatest obstacles to economic and social development. We feel that it should be given adequate attention and reflected in the proper context. Currently, it falls under the category of transnational crime. We would also like to see a reference to be made in this document to urging Member States to strengthen their financial and banking legislations to prevent or discourage their financial institutions to serve as safe havens for illicit money transfer deriving from corrupt practices.

Thank you.