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**ON**

**“THREATS TO INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY  
CAUSED BY TERRORIST ACTS”**

**AT**

**THE SECURITY COUNCIL**

**ON**

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Mr. President,

My delegation is pleased to address this public meeting of the Security Council. We welcome the report of the Counter-Terrorism Committee on the implementation of resolution 1373 (2001) and the issuance of its work programme for its thirteenth 90-day period. We would like to express our sincere appreciation to Ambassador Andrey I. Denisov, Chairman of the Counter-Terrorism Committee, for his clear and comprehensive presentation of the report and the work programme as well as his personal commitment towards the Committee's work. We also thank Mr. Javier Ruperez, the Executive Director of the Counter-Terrorism Executive Directorate on his presentation.

2. My delegation is encouraged by the reaffirmation that the Committee would intensify its efforts to monitor and promote the implementation by the United Nations Member States of all aspects of resolution 1373 (2001), operating on the principles of cooperation, transparency and equal treatment.

Mr. President,

3. My delegation welcomes the endorsement of the organizational plan by the Council of the CTC Executive Directorate in August 2004. The stage has now been set for the implementation of the plan to make the new structure operational. As the establishment of the CTED was aimed at strengthening the CTC and providing it with additional tools and resources, we welcome the Committee's efforts to ensure the full operational status of the CTED, maintain a close and cooperative relationship with the Executive Director and his staff and further increase the Committee's capacity including through enhanced cooperation with the Al-Qaeda/Taliban Sanctions Committee and the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540.

4. I should like to inform the Council that Malaysia has fulfilled all its obligations as stated in paragraph 6 of resolution 1373 (2001). We have submitted our fourth report on 17 September 2004 in response to the queries put forth by the Committee. In this respect, we note the delay in the submission of reports by some Member States. We urge the Committee to identify the reasons behind this delay and take appropriate steps to assist those states. We might also ask whether the delay could be attributed to it being burdensome to Member States thus leading to a case of reporting fatigue. This might then merit an effort by the CTC to find new and creative ways of handling the question of reporting by Member States.

5. We recognize that in order for the Committee to be able to function effectively, visits by the CTC to Member States are essential. We note that the Committee has adopted general guidelines for conducting CTC visits to Member States. Through these visits the CTC can bring to the attention of the Council the shortcomings in the implementation by Member States of resolution 1373, highlighting some of the successes and failures as well as providing recommendations to improve the overall process.

6. Malaysia cannot but further emphasize the importance of providing technical assistance to Member States to enhance their counter-terrorism capacity. We welcome the fact that this remains one of the fundamental commitments of the CTC. Raising national capabilities is not just a matter of transferring funding and know-how. Instead, it also requires permanently changing the priorities of the international community to ensure that Member States uphold their responsibility and meet their commitments. We welcome the development of the Directory of Counter-Terrorism Information and Sources of Assistance as well as the Assistance Matrix, by the Committee. We like the idea of not just Member States, but also relevant organizations, submitting information on international best practices, codes and standards relevant to the implementation of resolution 1373 (2001) and on assistance and guidance in implementing those best practices, codes and standards.

Mr. President,

7. No region in the world is spared from the scourge of terrorism. In preserving the peace and stability of the South-East Asian region, there is a need for solidarity and a united response to terrorism and terrorists activities among the regional countries. Towards fulfilling this need, Malaysia has taken the effort to establish the Southeast Asia Regional Center for Counter-Terrorism (SEARCCT) as a center for training and capacity building in the prevention of terrorist activities, management of terrorism related situations and enhancement of public awareness towards countering the threat of terrorism. Since its inception, the Center has conducted and participated in various workshops, seminars and courses on terrorism to train and upgrade the capabilities of agencies and participants, both from Malaysia as well as other interested parties. Malaysia is very appreciative of the support from all the ASEAN countries as well as positive responses from other countries, including the United States, United Kingdom, France, Germany, Spain, Canada, Italy, Australia, Japan, New Zealand, Republic of Korea and the European Commission. Malaysia also welcomes cooperation from other interested countries in organizing relevant training courses. The CTC may wish to examine the possibilities of cooperating with the SEARCCT.

Mr. President,

8. In conclusion, my delegation wishes to reiterate Malaysia's commitment to work with other states to effectively contain and rout the threat of terrorism. Malaysia believes that given the apparent reach of terrorist organizations and the threat they pose to the collective peace, security, stability and economic well being of all nations, only a concerted and unified effort will enable the international community to succeed in this important undertaking. Malaysia reiterates its commitment to comprehensively fight terrorism at the domestic, regional and international levels in cooperation with all countries in accordance with the norms and principles of international law and the Charter of the United Nations.

Thank you, Mr. President.