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"MAINTAINING PEACE AND SECURITY:
CONFLICT PREVENTION"
NEW YORK, 21 AUGUST 2014**

Thank you Mr. President,

Allow me at the outset to congratulate you and the delegation of the United Kingdom on assuming the Council's Presidency for this month; and also for the convening of this timely debate.

2. I also take this opportunity to thank their Excellencies the UN Secretary-General and the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights for their respective presentations which we have heard with much interest.

3. In associating itself with the statement to be delivered by Iran on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement, my delegation wishes to make some additional comments.

Mr. President,

4. Malaysia reaffirms its support for preventing escalation of conflicts into threats to international peace and security. Malaysia also believes that the United Nations system including the Security Council have an integral role to play in that regard.

5. With a view to enhancing the UN system's effectiveness in discharging such role, Malaysia also supports efforts to achieve system-wide coherence which could among others, enable the early detection of potential crisis situations.

6. On a related note, the nature of contemporary conflict situations also raises certain questions including on whether the UN, and in particular this Council is adequately equipped to respond to new types of conflicts or situations.

7. Chapter VI of the Charter clearly provides an array of tools and approaches that are available to both the Council and to the General Assembly.

8. In the context of securing widest possible support for any proposed preventive measure or approach, there may be a case for exploring closer cooperation between the Council and the General Assembly.

Mr. President,

9. It is noteworthy that over the past few years, the UN has utilised a wider range of the tools outlined in Chapter VI including mediation. Malaysia views positively the possibility of strengthening the UN's capacity and capability in that field.

10. Alongside efforts at the international level, the capacities and capabilities of actors at the regional and national levels are also important components of the international peace and security architecture. These merit serious, sustained attention and should be further strengthened.

Mr. President,

11. It is distressing and unfortunate that we continue to witness instances of situations relapsing into conflict across various regions today. Against such developments, Malaysia believes that the UN could do more to assist countries and societies facing such situation.

12. In particular, Malaysia is of the view that the potential roles of the Peacebuilding Commission (PBC) should be given more attention, particularly in light of its upcoming review scheduled for 2015.

13. Among other things, the PBC's role as a platform for exchanging expertise and experience could be further enhanced. Additionally, the role of women in conflict prevention should be further mainstreamed.

Mr. President,

14. In concluding, my delegation notes that the outcome of this debate has been reflected in the form of a Council resolution.

15. Malaysia reiterates its firm belief that the United Nations in general and the Security Council in particular should continue to play a central role in the maintenance of international peace and security, including in conflict prevention.

I thank you, Mr. President.