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AT THE SECOND COMMITTEE OF THE 67<sup>th</sup> SESSION OF  
THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY,  
ON AGENDA ITEM 23 (a) FOLLOW-UP TO THE FORTH UNITED NATIONS  
CONFERENCE ON THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES  
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Mr. Chairman,

Malaysia wishes to align itself with the statement made by Algeria, on behalf of G77 and China and the statement made by Indonesia on behalf of ASEAN.

2. We also wish to thank the Secretary General for his comprehensive report relating to this agenda item, namely the **Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011 to 2020** and also to the Permanent Representative of Belgium and Malawi, the co-chairs of the **Ad Hoc Working Group To Further Study and Strengthen the Smooth Transition Process for the Countries Graduating from the Least Developed Countries Category** for their report.

3. Malaysia also would like to commend Ambassador Gyan Chandra Acharya, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, for his insightful remarks.

Mr. Chairman,

4. While we are experiencing the cooler breeze of autumn at this moment, rest assured that most of us, together with the rest of the world are still feeling the heat of the fragility and uncertainty of the current global economy. While many of us may be planning for another summer vacation next year, there are still many out there wondering where their next meal would be coming from. This is the main reason why we are here today, trying to find solutions to elevate their sufferings, expand the prosperity value to improve the living conditions of those vulnerable, especially women and children. Furthermore, given the potential impacts of the possible natural disasters and the effects of global climate change on the LDCs, it is pertinent for the international community to diligently implement the Istanbul Programme of Action, which we adopted last year.

Mr. Chairman,

5. Malaysia remains steadfast with our vision, our efforts and our commitment, through the spirit of South-South cooperation, for the success of the Istanbul Programme of Action, with the view of assisting the LDCs in meeting the MDG targets by 2015, and other internationally agreed development goals beyond 2015. We call upon all relevant stakeholders to act now, and to double their efforts in implementing the programme of action, as the year 2015 is fast approaching.

6. My delegation recognises the crucial role of developed countries as development partners in the implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action. Malaysia also views that the LDCs ownership and leadership in formulating its own policies based on national priorities, conditions and requirements, are also equally crucial in the success of this Programme.

Mr. Chairman,

7. Malaysia remains committed towards the common endeavor of assisting LDCs to further uplift its socio-economic development level that remains a global concern. Since the inception of the Malaysian Technical Cooperation Programme (MTCP) in 1980, more than 25,000 participants from 140 countries have benefited from the programme, in which more than 10,000 participants were from 45 LDCs and former LDC countries. Apart from attending technical capacity building short courses in Malaysia, we have also provided the services of experts, to LDCs, under the MTCP in areas where Malaysia has the proven expertise.

8. In this regard, Malaysia welcomes and views positively the increasing importance of triangular cooperation, involving both the developed partners and the recipient country, as part of the South-South cooperation framework. We therefore welcome the opportunities to cooperate with our developed partners and other development agencies in providing technical assistance to third parties. On this score, Malaysia has worked with governments, and institutions from Japan, Australia, Denmark, Germany and the Commonwealth, through the Third Country Training Programme (TCTP), collaborating through funding for participants from developing countries, including the LDCs, to attend short courses under the MTCP programme. In 2012 alone, 16 short courses have been earmarked to be implemented through triangular cooperation with international development partners. This is an example of the MTCP's collaboration with international development partners in our efforts to increase the outreach of our programmes. We would like to further strengthen this cooperation in the future and in this connection, Malaysia would welcome extended cooperation with new development partners through this triangular cooperation programme that would benefit the LDCs.

Mr. Chairman,

9. To conclude, Malaysia again welcomes the report of the Secretary-General on this agenda item and the recommendations made by the **Ad Hoc Working Group To Further Study and Strengthen the Smooth Transition Process for the Countries Graduating from the Least Developed Countries Category**. Malaysia looks forward for the successful implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action for the LDCs for the decade 2011-2020.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.