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**Statement by H.E. Ambassador Hussein Haniff,
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at the Fifth Committee of the 67th Session of the United Nations General Assembly,
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Mr. Chairman,

I would like to thank Ms. Sarah Cliffe, Assistant Secretary-General and Special Advisor for Civilian Capacities and Mr. Carlos Ruiz Massieu, Vice-Chair of the ACABQ, for the comprehensive briefings and introduction of the respective reports on the civilian capacity in the aftermath of conflict.

Mr. Chairman,

2. My delegation aligns itself with the statement made by the distinguished representative of Algeria on behalf of Group of 77 and China.

3. At the outset, my delegation welcomes Secretary-General's report A/67/312 and regards it as an essential reference on the work related to civilian capacity. We hope that the ongoing civilian capacity initiative will be carried out effectively throughout the United Nations system, towards a more sustainable recovery of conflicts.

Mr. Chairman,

4. Malaysia has been an active participant in international security and related peacebuilding initiatives. We believe that civilian capacity serves as an important role in supporting transition of countries emerging from conflict. Our efforts are evident in Malaysia's involvements of the Guinea Configuration in the Peacebuilding Commission, and the Malaysian Technical Cooperation Programme (MTCP), which is part of the capacity building programme to assist developing countries under the South-South Cooperation.

5. Similarly, Malaysia has been actively involved in facilitating resolution of the internal conflict in Mindanao, Southern Philippines. Deem to be the key to a long term solution, Malaysia, alongside with other partners namely-Indonesia, Brunei, Libya, Norway, European Union and Japan, has been advocating programmes in the development of human capital and socio-economic activities in Mindanao.

Mr. Chairman,

6. My delegation notes that the administrative and financial aspects have not been fully elaborated in the Secretary-General's report. As we maintain our full support on the civilian capacity initiative, my delegation hopes that the report could be further developed with specific proposals, in compliance with the Organization's regulatory framework. In this regard, it is prudent for the report to detail out more specific proposals in strengthening national ownership in the development of civilian capacities in countries emerging from conflicts, and enhancing opportunities for local procurement amongst developing countries.

7. My delegation concurs with the ACABQ recommendation on ensuring cautious attention to be given to the civilian capacity initiative. This is imperative as to further ascertain the enhancement of existing United Nations' structures and allocation of appropriate resources be allocated for the implementation of such initiative.

8. We will continue to support the need to ensure adequate funding for the civilian capacity initiative. We are encouraged by the ongoing efforts carried out within the Secretariat and the United Nations system, in ensuring proper degree of oversight, minimizing possible duplication towards consistency and complementarity of efforts.

9. As the report of the Secretary-General on civilian capacity was discussed in the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, we are of the view that the Fifth Committee plays a vital role in the consideration of the review of the civilian capacity initiative. It is also important to ensure consistency on the guidance of the initiative at different forums.

Mr. Chairman,

10. In concluding, my delegation looks forward for a more detailed and comprehensive future reports in improving overall efficiency and effectiveness of the civilian capacity initiative. This includes areas of networks of expertise, funding for national institution-building, accountability planning and budgeting, and access to capacities. Malaysia hopes that further efforts will be taken in determining the full cost implications and timeline for the implementation of the initiative be clearly presented. I would like to assure you my delegation's full cooperation and we look forward to working with all Member States and the Secretariat in the deliberations of this agenda item.

Thank you.