

**Statement by Mr. Vassana MOUNSAVENG,  
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**Mr. Chairman,**

1. At the outset, I would like to congratulate you on your election as Chairman of this Committee and other members of the Bureau. Let me also assure you and the Bureau of our full support and cooperation in the discharge of your responsibility. My delegation would like to align itself with the statements delivered by the Permanent Representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement and my own country on behalf of ASEAN.
2. My delegation welcomes the report of the Secretary General of the United Nations on this issue.

**Mr. Chairman,**

3. The Lao PDR reiterates its condemnation and rejection of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations. Terrorist acts not only cause the loss of life of innocent peoples, but they also impede social and economic development of nations, create a climate of fear and lead to injustices in societies. My delegation, therefore, support the efforts of the international community in the fight against this scourge of terrorism.
4. The Lao PDR always attaches great importance to preserving the peaceful society and is making every effort to combat and prevent transnational crimes in the country. At the same time, the Lao PDR has also supported the efforts of the international community to fight against terrorism. As such, the Lao PDR is among the countries that has ratified 13 relevant international conventions on counter-terrorism. Apart from undertaking of our obligations under those treaties that we are party to, we also actively undertaking the obligations under the relevant United Nations Security Council Resolutions.
5. At the regional level, the Lao PDR has plays on active role in the regional cooperation frameworks in the fight against terrorism. As a member of ASEAN, the Lao PDR is a party to the ASEAN Counter Terrorism Convention, together with its fellow members adopted various joint declarations and joint statements with the dialogue partners and a member of the Asia-Pacific Group for the anti-money laundering. The Lao PDR in cooperation with UNODC and other International Organizations has conducted workshops and seminars to promote awareness on International Counter-terrorism Conventions amongst Lao officials, judges, prosecutors,

lawyers, as well as the members of National Assembly, with a view to ensuring that all Lao government sectors such as executive, judicial and legislative organs are aware of their roles and duties so that they can contribute to the implementation of the relevant international conventions on counter-terrorism.

**I thank you, Mr. Chairman.**