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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL (S/2010/507)”**

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Mr. President,

On behalf of my delegation, I wish to thank you for convening this wrap-up session for the month of January 2015 in open format. As Malaysia had stated before, open meetings of this nature allows for greater transparency and affords better insight in the work of the Council, especially for non-Council members and other stakeholders. We will continue to support holding of such sessions.

2. I also take this opportunity to thank you personally Cristian and your team at the Chilean Mission for guiding us through the Council's work in January with great leadership, wisdom and patience.

3. At the same time, I wish to also thank you and Samantha for briefing on the Council's recent Mission to Haiti which in our view went smoothly and successfully. Malaysia shares the assessment that the Council's visit to Haiti was especially timely.

4. We believe that the visit provided the necessary impetus for the parties in Haiti to continue pursuing peaceful negotiations with a view to resolving their differences and in order to overcome the deadlock over electoral reforms which has prevented the country from realising its political and socioeconomic potential for far too long.

5. Malaysia also commends Chile for organising three Open Debates during the course of its Presidency. The themes for the debates namely the situation in the Middle East; Inclusive development and the maintenance of international peace and security; and protection of

civilians are all current issues and saw broad participation from non-Council members, attesting to the importance of these issues.

Mr. President,

6. At this stage, I wish to share some of the reflections, insights and experiences which Malaysia has gained after joining roughly a month ago. The first observation is on how quickly time passes when one is a Council member.

7. Secondly and although I note that this point has been raised before, I feel compelled to reiterate it: the Council and its work appears to have and continues to increase over time.

8. The fact that the Council remains engaged and meets more frequently on the various issues and situations on its agenda indicates the importance and centrality of its role in managing and maintaining international peace and security.

9. Given the enormity and gravity of its responsibility, the Council must continue to ensure that it is able to respond and address such challenges in the most appropriate, effective and timely manner.

Mr. President,

10. As you rightly indicated, the Council has adopted a number of important decisions and made a good number of important pronouncements of position on various developing or escalating situations around the world.

11. For instance, we recall that for this month, the Council had adopted several important decisions on the situation in the Central African Republic (CAR), on Cyprus and on the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

12. On this note, my delegation wishes to emphasise that the quality of the Council's decisions lies in the implementation and follow-up on those decisions.

13. Malaysia hopes that all relevant parties will commit to implement the provisions of these resolutions. The Council must remain vigilant in monitoring implementation of its decisions and we should not hesitate to address instances of non-compliance.

14. In addition, the Council has also discussed and pronounced on a number of issues and situations through numerous press statements.

15. We share the Council's deepening concern on the markedly increasing number of terrorist attacks around the world. In addition, we remain deeply concerned by the escalation of armed conflict and violence in several situations around the world. In this context, we are disappointed that Council was unable to reach consensus on addressing the deteriorating situation in Yemen.

16. At the same time, the deteriorating humanitarian situation in several conflict areas including Palestine, Syria and Ukraine continues to remain high on Council's agenda. It is a matter of concern that the Council remains sharply divided on these situations. The incident in Southern Lebanon yesterday is yet another grim reminder on how untenable the current situation in the Middle East is.

17. Moving forward, we hope that Council members will continue to work towards bridging differences in order to discharge its Charter mandated responsibilities. Malaysia reaffirms its commitment to contribute in that regard.

Mr. President,

18. On working methods, Malaysia is pleased to note the Council's continued use of technology, including through the use of VTC (Video Tele-Conferencing) facilities to engage and interact with UN presence on the ground. We believe that such practice should continue.

19. We also note that on many occasions, Council has reacted promptly to address certain developing situations including through early issuance of press statements. We believe that prompt reactions by the Council are an important feature of its work and should continue.

20. Malaysia notes that the AOB (Any Other Business) continues to be used by Council to discuss certain issues on an exceptional or urgent basis. We support continued use of this practice as it affords the Council the ability to convene and react quickly to emerging issues and developing situations.

21. We also note the convening of an Arria format meeting initiated by Lithuania on the role of human rights components in UN peacekeeping and political missions. We valued the opportunity provided to exchange views with those colleagues on the ground, particularly on how the Council could better support not only their mandate but the mandate of the peacekeeping or political mission as a whole. We believe that more use could be made of the Arria format.

Mr. President,

22. In concluding, I wish to once again express my delegation's heartfelt appreciation to you and your team for the exemplary manner in which you had guided the Council's work this month. We are pleased and honoured to have worked with you in furthering the aims and purposes of this Council.

23. I also take this opportunity to congratulate the delegation of China for their upcoming presidency. Malaysia stands ready to work closely with China and all Council members in pursuit of our common goals and objectives.

I thank you, Mr. President.