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**STATEMENT BY
H.E. AMBASSADOR RAMLAN IBRAHIM
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AT THE
UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING
ON THE UN INTERIM ADMINISTRATION MISSION IN KOSOVO (UNMIK)**

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1. My delegation welcomes First Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Serbia Ivica Dačić Dačić [*ee-VEET-sah DAH-chich*], and Ambassador Vlora Çitaku of Kosovo [*Vlo-ra Chi-ta-ku*], back to New York, and thank them both for their statements.

2. We also thank Special Representative Zahir Tanin for his insightful briefing.

Mr. President,

3. My delegation welcomes the election of Mr. Hashim Thaçi as the new President of Kosovo. We commend his message on normalisation of relations with Serbia, as well as his priorities in promoting human rights and countering radicalisation and violent extremism in Kosovo. We hope to see sustained focus by Kosovo on reconciliation, unity, socio-political reforms and economic development under his leadership.

4. We would also like to pay tribute to former President Atifete Jahjaga [*Aa-ti-fèt Yah-ya-ga*] for her leadership and significant contribution towards Kosovo's nation-building for the past five years.

5. As we have heard from Mr. Tanin today, Malaysia is concerned on the violent protests by the oppositions and their supporters relating to the Presidential elections, and the implementation of agreements signed between Pristina and Belgrade under EU-facilitated dialogue.

6. We reiterate our calls on the relevant parties in Kosovo to cease violence, intimidation and inflammatory rhetoric, and to resolve their grievances through democratic channels, dialogue and engagement. We hope under the new leadership, Kosovo leaders will continue to engage in an inclusive dialogue to address the people's concerns.

