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**AT THE HIGH-LEVEL PLENARY MEETING
TO COMMEMORATE AND PROMOTE THE INTERNATIONAL DAY
OF MULTILATERALISM AND DIPLOMACY FOR PEACE**

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Madam President,
Your Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

I join earlier speakers in thanking you, Madam President, for convening this historic High-Level Plenary Meeting to commemorate the "International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace".

My delegation associates itself with the statement by Venezuela on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM).

Madam President,

2. In recent times, the world is facing an increasing anxiety over unilateralism. We are witnessing a world where the big and the strong impose their will over the small and fragile, pushing further the world order into deeper seeds of protectionism and isolationism. Multilateralism is indeed at a crossroads. Amid the resurgence of these sentiments around the world, multilateralism needs to be defended and the United Nations has to be strengthened to deal with complex global challenges.

3. It is for these reasons, Malaysia firmly believes that all Member States must remain united in our collective resolve to uphold and respect the purposes and principles of the United Nations as enshrined in its Charter. These purposes and principles have always called for the safeguard of multilateralism, for the advancement of the three pillars of the United Nations – peace and security, development and human rights. As prescribed in the Charter, the United Nations has been and remains at the forefront of various international and multilateral efforts to combat challenges and the maintenance of international peace and security.

4. These purposes and principles remain as important today more than ever. The challenges we face are mounting, and they require the commitment and readiness of all parties to engage in multilateral diplomacy, through the ambit of the United Nations and other multilateral processes.

5. In order to preserve the stability, tranquillity and the relative peace, our world demands for collaborative engagement by all of us. It is therefore in our collective interest that we work together to uphold a system based on our shared universal values through dialogue and cooperation.

Madam President,

6. Malaysia reiterates its continued commitment to the promotion, preservation and strengthening of multilateralism, while upholding the purposes and principles as enshrined in the United Nations Charter. Our commitment to world peace is based on shared universal values, in particular one that upholds the rule of law, human rights, justice, fairness, responsibility and accountability.

7. Malaysia will continue to work closely with all stakeholders through active participation in various multilateral fora. It is our earnest hope that all our efforts, with the goal of championing multilateralism, could facilitate in addressing the most pressing of global challenges.

I thank you Madam President.