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Madam Chair,

At the outset, I would like to congratulate you and other members of the Bureau on your election. Malaysia would like to reassure you and the Bureau of our full support. Malaysia would also like to associate our self with the statement made by Yemen on behalf of G77 and China, and Indonesia on behalf of ASEAN.

Madam Chair,

2. “Reaffirming the central role of the United Nations in global governance” has been selected as the theme for our deliberations in the 65th Session of the General Assembly. In the context of the second committee, where there is an urgent need to address sustainable development issues and economic recoveries, the selection of this theme is indeed timely.

3. In this regard I wish to highlight three interrelated and pertinent issues in which the UN could have played a more effective role;

One: Climate change;

Two: Financial and economic recovery; and

Three: Attainment of the MDGs targets by 2015.

Madam Chair,

4. While we are still deciding on the terms and conditions for mitigation and adaptation actions, natural disasters largely due to climate change continue to affect many countries. The wildfires in Russia and devastating flood in China and Pakistan are some recent examples. The failure of the Copenhagen round reflects the lack of political will to ensure a safer and sustainable world for future generations.

5. The United Nations should ensure that the climate change negotiations conclude successfully and in a timely manner so as to contribute to the discussion on an improved and strengthened Kyoto Protocol.

Madam Chair,

6. Just two weeks ago, our leaders met to identify, measures and address obstacles that have hindered the attainment of the MDG targets by 2015. The outcome document of the meeting has clearly outlined actions that are needed to ensure that the MDGs are achieved by

the set dateline. Malaysia strongly believes that a better coordination of resources, precise and updated development data, and better collaboration among all stake holders are the major work required for attaining the MDGs. The only issue left in the doing and implementation.

7. Taking stock of the current achievement is important. The UN also periodically monitor and evaluate the progress of programs and initiatives related to the MDGs. Non performing programs should be analyzed, enhanced or replaced with programs that actually work. The UN role should include among others:

- One: ensuring ODA, commitments are fulfilled;
- Two: Exploring other frameworks of cooperation to fund development activities; and
- Three: Making use of science and technology in monitoring, evaluating and accelerating the attainment of MDGs.

Madam Chair,

8. In the General Assembly's General Debate recently, the Malaysian Prime Minister emphasized that the Doha Round must return to its original objective of ensuring free, fair and equitable trade. Joint efforts and focus are needed to move the process forward. It is urgent that the Doha Round be concluded as soon as possible. We should not let it fail.

9. It is our hope that the successful conclusion of the Doha trade negotiations will promote a better trading environment and subsequently facilitate the growth of the world's economy.

Madam Chair,

10. As I have mentioned at the beginning of my statement, climate change, economy stability and the attainment of MDGs are inter related. MDGs could be achieved as targeted, through a conducive and supportive economic environment. This will in turn contribute towards a more stable and sustainable growth worldwide.

Madam Chair,

11. As we begin our deliberations for this session of the general assembly, it is important for us to install the need to be precise, concise and output oriented in our work. The time has come for us to move beyond words and resolutions. It is time for concrete actions, and we must deliver.

Thank you Madam Chair.