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Mr. Chairman,

Allow me to join other speakers in extending our appreciation to the Counter Terrorism Committee for organizing this special meeting. Malaysia also wishes to reiterate its support towards the work of the Committee, as well as the Counter Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED), in their tireless efforts to further our common struggle to eradicate terrorism.

Mr. Chairman,

2. As with the rest of the international community, Malaysia has come a long way since the tragic September 11 attacks and the subsequent terrorist incidents that followed thereafter across the globe. Malaysia has established many laws and developed numerous measures to counter this ugly scourge. We have formulated our own comprehensive strategy to address terrorism and even implemented de-radicalization programmes to correct those involved from their erroneous ways. Furthermore, Malaysia continues to make significant progress in eradicating poverty and providing quality education to the masses, in our broader strategy to reduce the tendency of people turning to terrorism.

3. It is partly as a result of these efforts that after visiting Malaysia in July 2006, CTED concluded that Malaysia has fulfilled its Resolution 1373 obligations and that it was in a position to provide technical assistance to its neighbours. Malaysia did just that and we continue to do so to this very day. In fact, Malaysia established the Southeast Asia Regional Centre for Counter Terrorism (SEARCCT) in July 2003 with the main purpose of, among others, to provide capacity building courses to other nations, especially in the region. Since its establishment up to July this year, the centre has conducted 90 capacity building programmes involving 1,855 local and 1,043 foreign participants. The courses offered by the centre include:

- I. Investigation and Legal Aspects;
- II. Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosive, and Crisis Management;
- III. Aviation, Maritime and Transportation Security;
- IV. Cyber-Terrorism;
- V. Prevention and Rehabilitation;
- VI. Terrorism Financing; and,
- VII. Youth and Terrorism.

4. The centre has also embarked on collaborative efforts with 76 countries and organisations including CTED.

5. At the regional level, Malaysia continues to cooperate with our neighbours mainly through ASEAN and the ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Transnational Crime (AMMTC), but also through the ASEAN Regional Forum and Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC). On top of regional cooperation, Malaysia also continues to cooperate at the bilateral level in exchanging information and intelligence sharing. All these efforts have resulted in Malaysia being able to enjoy relative peace and stability free from terrorist attacks thus far.

Mr. Chairman,

6. It is without a doubt that Malaysia and other countries have indeed come a long way. Nevertheless, the horrific attack on the United Nations building in Abuja is a firm reminder that we have not come far enough. We are obviously nowhere near to where we can be, nor where we ought to be.

7. Since terrorist organizations are hell bent in bringing destruction, fear and misery to the good-citizens of this world, we must be equally relentless in our efforts to counter them and their heinous ways.

8. For Malaysia, capacity building and technical assistance is not a one-off venture, but rather a continuous process. Malaysia welcomes greater cooperation and coordination of counter-terrorism activities at all levels to effectively address terrorism in all its forms and manifestations. We must ensure that all countries are equally equipped and well prepared in our common fight against terrorism.

9. It is only then, can we hope to see our valiant efforts reap the intended results. It is only then that we can hope to see a world free from terrorism.

I thank you Mr. Chairman.