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**STATEMENT BY H.E. AMBASSADOR HUSSEIN HANIFF,
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ON AGENDA ITEM 130:
PROGRAMME BUDGET: BIENNIUM 2012-2013 – CAPITAL MASTER PLAN
AT THE FIFTH COMMITTEE OF
THE 67TH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY
NEW YORK, 05 NOVEMBER 2012**

Mr. Chairman,

I would like to thank Mr. Yukio Takasu, Under-Secretary-General for Management, Mr. Liu Yu, Chair of the Audit Operations Committee for Board of Auditors (BOA), Mr. Carlos Ruiz Massieu, Vice-Chair of the ACABQ, and Mr. David Kanja, Assistant Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services, for the comprehensive briefings and introduction of the respective reports on the CMP.

Mr. Chairman,

2. My delegation aligns itself with the statement made by the distinguished representative of Algeria on behalf of Group of 77 and China.

3. At the outset, my delegation would like to applaud the great efforts and good work carried out by the Secretariat on the implementation of the CMP. We also would like to acknowledge the significant progress of the CMP made over the past year, including the completion of the renovation work of the Conference Building, basements, and the replacement of the glass curtain wall in the Secretariat and Conference Buildings.

4. I would like to assure you of my delegation's full support towards the implementation of the CMP for our esteemed Organization. However, we remain concerned on the completion schedule of the project and the costs overrun of \$433 million and the timely re-occupation of the Secretariat Building. My

delegation looks forward to potential cost-efficiency measures and exploration of ways in keeping the projected costs to be within the budget.

5. My delegation maintains its full support for the recommendation of the ACABQ to ensure transparency on the status of the project and that the associated costs need to be addressed in a timely manner. We agree that the Secretariat should ensure that a budget for associated costs, including all related costs of future UN capital projects, be identified prior to the approval of the General Assembly.

6. We also hope that the Secretariat would address any problems with regard to the renovation of the South Annex Building and the Library accordingly, within the approved costs for the CMP project.

Mr. Chairman,

7. I wish to address my delegation's concern regarding the associated costs and the secondary data centre requirements, in which we look forward for the efforts carried out by the Secretariat in ensuring that absorption of the costs to be made within the approved budget.

8. My delegation will continue to support the need to ensure adequate funding for the work of the CMP. We are encouraged by the ongoing efforts made by the Secretariat in reviewing the lessons learned and identifying possible scope for further efficiency gains. It is our hope to see that the CMP be completed within the projected time, without any significant additional risks of further cost increases and delays.

Mr. Chairman,

9. In concluding, Malaysia hopes that further efforts will be taken in the mitigation of any cost growth, timely completion of the project and possible absorption of additional associated costs, within the approved CMP budget. Towards this, you have my delegation's full cooperation in working with all Member States and the Secretariat on this project. We look forward to participate constructively in our discussions on the CMP.

Thank you.