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Mr. Chairman,

Malaysia wishes to align itself with the statement made by the distinguished representative of Fiji, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, and the statement delivered by the Permanent Representative of Viet Nam on behalf of ASEAN.

Mr. Chairman,

2. My delegation would like to thank the Secretary General for his comprehensive report titled "The state of South-South cooperation" in respond to resolution 67/227. This report highlighted the rise of the South which was driven by its economic performance, the rapid spread of electronic connectivity and the buoyant intra-South trade.

3. In this regard, Malaysia welcomes the report which also emphasizes on the role of the United Nations system in South-South and triangular cooperation. Malaysia fully subscribed to the recommendations in this report, especially the need to strengthen the existing institutions for the management of South-South cooperation and for the establishment of new mechanisms, as part of the concrete measures to mainstream United Nations support for South-South cooperation.

Mr. Chairman,

4. Malaysia reaffirms the importance of South-South Cooperation as a vital element of international cooperation for development. South-South Cooperation is also an essential basis for national and collective self-reliance, contributing towards ensuring the effective integration and participation of developing countries in the world economy. Malaysia remains committed to South-South Cooperation and believes that South-South Cooperation should not be viewed as substitute for but rather a complement to

North-South cooperation. In this regard, Malaysia will continue its support to the South-South Cooperation and the Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (TCDC), based on the principle of equality and mutual benefit.

Mr. Chairman,

5. While Malaysia recognises that developing countries have the primary responsibility for promoting and implementing economic and technical cooperation among themselves, my delegation wishes to reiterate the need for the international community to support the efforts of the developing countries to expand South-South Cooperation through the modality of economic and technical cooperation among developing countries.

6. In this regard, Malaysia welcomes and views the rising emergence of triangular cooperation into the South-South Cooperation framework positively. Triangular cooperation has assisted much of the efforts of more advanced developing countries as well as other international organizations in realizing the required development programmes. Malaysia therefore, welcomes the opportunities to cooperate with the developed countries and other development agencies in providing technical assistance to third parties.

7. Malaysia has become an increasingly active international partner for development and has been sharing its knowledge and experience in economic and social development with other countries. Being one of the significant players in South-South Cooperation, Malaysia has contributed immensely in terms of capacity building and the human capital development among member countries through the Malaysian Technical Cooperation Programme (MTCP). As of 2012, more than 25,000 participants from 141 countries have benefited from this programme.

Mr. Chairman,

8. In closing, Malaysia wishes to reiterate the importance of the solidarity dimension of the South-South cooperation. The efforts of developing countries to promote and implement South-South cooperation should not be regarded as a substitute for traditional cooperation with our developed partners, as its premise, conditionality and expectation, are different. We hope that our developed countries partners would continue to substantively cooperate with the less developed economies, even in these difficult economic times.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.