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Mr. President,

At the outset, I wish to convey my appreciation to you for the convening of this important meeting. Indeed, our meeting today is all the more timely, taking into account the ongoing work of the United Nations in the context of the Post-2015 Development Agenda.

2. I wish to also take this opportunity to thank the UN Secretary-General for his remarks. My delegation also wishes to express appreciation to H.E. Ms. Leymah Gbowee for her address which we have heard with much interest.

Mr. President,

3. My delegation reaffirms its support and commitment for the continued and effective implementation of the Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace with a view to further strengthening the global movement for a culture of peace. Malaysia also continues to support the various resolutions as well as UN-led initiatives on this issue.

4. As such, we are pleased to participate in this meeting which provides an important platform for all partners and stakeholders to exchange views, ideas and proposals on ways to further build and promote the Culture of Peace at national, regional and international levels.

5. Mindful that the subject of Culture of Peace covers such a broad range of areas and the corresponding efforts and initiative undertaken under the United Nations framework, I intend to focus my remarks on only a few key areas.

6. In keeping with the emphasis today on women and youth among others, my delegations wishes to highlight to the meeting's attention some of the findings of the

ongoing “MYWorld” Survey by the UN which is intended to feed into the Post-2015 process.

7. To date, this survey has yielded roughly 4.4 million responses. Out of that number, around 2.7 million or roughly half the respondents are young persons between 16 and 25. Among others, the world’s youth have listed (i) a good education; (ii) better healthcare; (iii) an honest and responsive government; and (iv) better job opportunities, as their priorities in the Post-2015 era.

8. Framed in the context of ongoing efforts aimed at promoting a culture of peace, the findings of the MYWorld Survey are to a certain extent instructive.

Mr. President,

9. On the part of States the areas where change is imperative seem clear; Governments must work towards more equitable distribution of the benefits of trade and development, enhancing respect for the rule of law as well as accountability for its actions and continue to improve on peace, stability and security.

10. On the other hand, taking into account recent developments including the situation in certain parts of the Middle East and Africa among others, issues of peace and security continue to pose significant challenges towards achieving and sustaining a culture of peace.

11. Malaysia believes that tackling the various ongoing conflicts and conflict situation requires an analysis of the deeper underlying causes including issues related to identity and identity politics and on ways and means by which fear, suspicion and in extreme cases – hatred – of the ‘other’ could be countered.

12. In this regard, Malaysia believes that the value and principles of moderation could be applied in such situations with a view to preventing conflict and furthering the aims of tolerance and understanding, in line with the culture of peace.

13. This is part of the reason why Malaysia attaches significant importance to the work of the UN Alliance of Civilisations (UNAOC) which lies at the core of the UN’s efforts to strengthen and deepen respect and appreciation for the culture of peace.

14. On this note, I take this opportunity to congratulate the Government of Indonesia and the UNAOC on the successful conclusion and outcome of the 6<sup>th</sup> UNAOC Global Forum held in Bali just some days ago.

15. For its part, and with a view to forge closer cooperation with the UNAOC, the International Islamic University of Malaysia (IIUM) and the UNAOC concluded a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) earlier this year. Among others, the core objectives of the MoU seeks to further deepen the relationship between IIUM and the

UNAOC on issues of mutual interest in the field of intercivilisational and interreligious dialogue.

In concluding Mr. President,

16. I wish you every success in guiding this meeting towards a fruitful conclusion. Towards that end, I wish to reaffirm my delegation's fullest support and cooperation.

I thank you Mr. President.