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TO THE UNITED NATIONS**

**ON AGENDA ITEM 25(b) SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION
IN THE SECOND COMMITTEE OF THE 70TH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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Mr. Chairman,

Malaysia wishes to align itself with the statement made by the distinguished representative of South Africa, 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 "State of South-South cooperation" in pursuant to resolution 69/239. We welcome its recommendations for further improvement of United Nations system-wide mainstreaming of South-South cooperation and for leveraging such cooperation during the implementation of the Agenda 2030 which has been adopted by our leaders recently.

Mr. Chairman,

3. South-South Cooperation has a long history, and has been important in creating innovative approaches to partnership and international development. Malaysia has played its part from early on, as it has in other groups of developing countries such as the Non-Aligned Movement and the G77. From 1980 onwards, Malaysia has shown its support and participation in particular through the Malaysian Technical Cooperation Programme. Over those 35 years, we have been assisting less developed countries in areas such as economic planning, finance and trade, agriculture, education, industrial technical training and diplomacy. To date, we have allocated RM200 million to this programme and it has benefitted 29,000 participants from 141 countries. Malaysia remains ready to continue to share our development experience, even as we ourselves are on track to reach high income status by 2020.

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 in this regard, Malaysia will continue its support to the South-South Cooperation and the Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, 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. 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.

Mr. Chairman,

6. 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 developing countries, even in these difficult economic times.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.