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**STATEMENT BY THE HONOURABLE MARKIMAN KOBIRAN,
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ON AGENDA ITEM 100: MEASURES TO ELIMINATE INTERNATIONAL
TERRORISM AT THE SIXTH COMMITTEE OF THE
61ST SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY,
12 OCTOBER 2006**

Mr. Chairman,

I wish to extend the warm felicitations of the Malaysian delegation to you and congratulate you on your election as Chairman of the Committee. Our congratulations also go to the other members of the Bureau. I am confident that the work of the Sixth Committee will proceed expeditiously and meet the assigned goals under your able leadership.

2. My delegation aligns itself with the statement delivered by the distinguished representative of Azerbaijan on behalf of the Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC) and the statement delivered by the distinguished representative of Vietnam on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).

3. Malaysia notes that significant efforts continue to be undertaken in the past year to implement General Assembly resolution 60/43 as well as the obligations under Security Council Resolutions 1373 (2001), 1540 (2004), 1566 (2004) and 1624 (2005) as reflected in the Report of the Secretary General on "Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism" and the country reports to the Counter-Terrorism Committee established under Security Council Resolution 1373. We note also the Report of the Ad Hoc Committee established by General Assembly resolution 51/210 and the outcome of the 10th session convened from 27 February – 3 March 2006.

4. My delegation welcomes the successful adoption of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy on 8 September 2006 *vide* General Assembly resolution 60/288. We note that the proposed Plan of Action involves important legal implementation issues such as the criminalization of terrorist acts, the harmonization of national laws and the building of a cohesive and effective network of bilateral and multilateral cooperation instruments to ensure that terrorists and those who harbour and aid them are brought to justice in accordance with the rule of law, with due regard for the due process of law and respect for the principles of non-interference, territorial integrity and sovereignty of States. We also commend the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) for its diligent efforts to identify the needs for technical assistance in the implementation of the UN Counter-Terrorism Conventions and Protocols and provide a liaison mechanism between donor and recipient countries.

5. Malaysia reiterates its' commitment to work with the United Nations and its Member countries in taking concerted action to combat international terrorism. Malaysia emphasizes that the fight against international terrorism must be addressed from a political, humanitarian, economic and social perspectives if the circumstances which breed extremism and recourse to violence are to be overcome as recognized in the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy. It must also address the root cause of the problem.

6. On its part, Malaysia is continuing to work towards full adherence to the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Conventions and Protocols. Malaysia ratified the Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts of Violence at Airports Serving International Civil Aviation on 8 September 2006, and should be able to accede to the International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism and the International Convention against the Taking of Hostages by the end of the year. Legislative amendments to comply with the obligations of the remaining Conventions and Protocols are also in progress.

7. In addition, Malaysia is continuing its efforts to conclude treaties on mutual legal assistance in criminal matters and extradition with interested countries. In this regard, the Treaty on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters among like-minded countries in the ASEAN region concluded in November 2004 has been signed by all 10 ASEAN member countries and is in force among Malaysia, the Republic of Singapore, the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and Brunei Darussalam. The Treaty will come into force between the Parties and other signatory state upon the latter's ratification of the Treaty.

8. At the regional level, Malaysia is working with the other ASEAN Member Countries to elaborate an ASEAN Convention on Counter-Terrorism in line with the Vientiane Action Plan for an ASEAN Security Community. A Joint Expert Working Group has been established to prepare Terms of Reference and Guiding Principles to facilitate the drafting process.

Mr. Chairman,

9. Malaysia remains committed to the finalization of the draft Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism and urges members of the Sixth Committee to continue to strive for a creative legal solution to the outstanding issues in a focused and result-oriented manner. In this regard we would support the convening of the working group during this session to explore possible ways of finding an amicable conclusion to the convention.

10. Malaysia also reiterates its position on the question of the convening of a high-level conference under the auspices of the United Nations to facilitate the finding of solutions to the broad political issues which underlie the United Nations efforts to combat terrorism, whether through international legal instruments or otherwise. Malaysia supports the proposal that the preparatory work for the high-level conference proceed in tandem with the continued deliberations of the draft Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism in the interest of time. Malaysia is also of the view that the alternative approaches suggested by the sponsor delegation are practical and should be further considered.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.