

codification and progressive development of international law especially the establishment of the Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism

5 We are also of the view that in order to effectively eliminate terrorism, measures should be taken to address its root causes, including political, economic and social inequalities. Concerning the settlement of disputes, Viet Nam's consistent view is that all disputes should be resolved by peaceful means, in accordance with international law, respecting diplomatic and legal processes, including procedures at international judicial institutions. Accordingly, Viet Nam has made statements and presented written expressions of its support to peaceful dispute settlement efforts, as well as the efforts to clarify legal issues that help the concerned parties to achieve equitable solutions.

6 We have put into action a wide range of measures to implement the United Nations Global Counter Terrorism Strategy. As stated in our latest report on the implementation of the Global Counter Terrorism Strategy, we have made important progress in the perfection of our domestic legal system to ensure the prosecution and extradition of terrorist criminals, and accelerated the implementation of the National Plan of Action on money laundering prevention and control of terrorist financing.

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7 Viet Nam has actively engaged in international cooperation in counter terrorism and become party to 14 multilateral treaties on counter terrorism. We have also signed bilateral treaties on mutual legal assistance on criminal matters and extradition with more than 40 countries. Viet Nam has become a member of the Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (TOC) and the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children to the TOC Convention. The Convention and its Protocol officially took effect in Viet Nam on 18 June 2012.

8 We welcomed and actively participated in the first United Nations High Level Conference of Heads of Counter Terrorism Agencies of Member States in June this year. In September this year, the Government of Viet Nam has made a decision to accede to the Code of Conduct towards achieving a world free of terrorism, at the initiative of the Government of Kazakhstan.

9 As a member of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), Viet Nam is joining hands with other ASEAN members in implementing the ASEAN Convention on Counter Terrorism and the ASEAN Comprehensive Plan of Action on Counter Terrorism. We are working closely with ASEAN members in

various regional mechanisms such as the ASEAN Senior Officials' Meeting on Transnational Crime (SOMTC), ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Transnational Crime (AMMTC) and the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) for discussion and cooperation on matters relating to the fight against terrorism, violence and extremism

M: Chairman

10 The measures undertaken by Viet Nam to implement the United Nations Global Counter Terrorism Strategy, among others, have once again reaffirmed our consistent position and determination in the fight against terrorism. We stand ready to cooperate with other states and the international community in accordance with international law and the United Nations Charter in this endeavor.

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