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> ON AGENDA ITEM 110: MEASURES TO ELIMINATE INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM

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4. Malaysia condemns the attacks in Lebanon, as well as the persisting assaults against the Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank, which in our view is a prime example of State-sponsored and State-perpetrated terrorism. We are extremely concerned by the blatant abuse of countering terrorism efforts by Israel as a pretext for grossly violating international humanitarian law and international human rights law. We are also deeply concerned with the arbitrary designation of a UN agency  $\pm$ 

8. Malaysia is party to 11 (eleven) of the international counter-terrorism conventions and protocols, and a party to the ASEAN Convention on Counter Terrorism at the regional level. We maintain strong cooperation with foreign law enforcement authorities in the investigation and prosecution of alleged terrorists and their activities. This helps further strengthen our domestic counter-terrorism efforts.

9. We continue to pay close attention to the threat of online radicalisation and recruitment, especially those targeting youth, and strongly believe in the importance of Z L Q Q L Q J <sup>3</sup> K H D U WTV/e **D**@utGeaBtLAGaGR/egional Centre on Counter-Terrorism based in Kuala Lumpur, continues to actively engage the public through its counter-messaging initiatives.

Mr. Chair,

10. Malaysia continues to give constructive responses to UN reporting mechanisms such as the Counter-Terrorism Committee pursuant to Security Council resolution 1373-3(s)-91(t)8(c)

## Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism

12. We remain open and supportive to the proposal of convening a high-level conference under the auspices of the UN to formulate a joint, organised response of the international community to terrorism in all its forms and manifestations. We also believe that the convening of the high-level conference should not hinge on the conclusion of the Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism (CCIT).

13. We appreciate the efforts to finalise the draft CCIT by the Working Group on measures to eliminate terrorism, and will continue to participate actively and constructively in the discussions. We urge all Member States to demonstrate the political will necessary to finalise this vital convention.

Mr. Chair,

14. No nation is immune to the threat of international terrorism. It is therefore crucial for the international community to present a united front against terrorism. Success in this endeavour would only be possible through collective efforts and international cooperation. Please be assured that Malaysia will continue to VXSSRUW WKH LQWHUQDWLRQ