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Statement

by

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on behalf of

the Association of the Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)

at
the Sixth Committee of the

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on

"Measures to eliminate international terrorism" (Agenda item: 110)

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Mr. Chairman,

I have a great honour to speak on behalf of the Member States of the Associati?n
of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), comprising Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar,

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Mr. Chairman,

ASEAN is intensifying efforts to build the ASEAN Community by 2015. However, ASEAN still faces a number of challenges, among others, the development
gaps among its Member States and non-traditional security threats such as terrorism and transnational crime. Given that the ASEAN region has been affected terrorist attacks in
some parts of some countries over the past years. We remain actively committed in the global fight against terrorism, by taking several steps to enhance coordination and cooperation within the region and beyond.

Throughout this year, ASEAN has undertaken numerous activities and adopted measures to combat terrorism both within the ASEAN framework and between ASEAN and other partners. All ASEAN member states have ratified the ASEAN Convention on Counter-Terrorism (ACCT). This Convention serves as a regional framework to deal with terrorism. It also enhances not only ASEAN's regional strategic role but also complements the Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, international conventions on counter-terrorism and relevant UN resolutions. In addition, ASEAN has also conducted a successful review of the ASEAN Comprehensive Plan of Action on Counter-Terrorism that has contributed to addressing, among others, the root causes of terrorism as well as enhancing cooperation on the promotion of moderation.

At the ASEAN Summit held in April this year, ASEAN Leaders also reaffirmed their commitment to intensifying and strengthening regional cooperation amongst ASEAN Member States in tackling terrorism and transnational crime. They urged and encouraged the relevant bodies to redouble their works in implementing their respective
work plans, activities and programmes related to the priority areas of addressing the
increasing non-traditional security threats in the region. Recently, the Work Programme
2013-2015 for ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Transnational Crime (SOMTC) was
adopted at the 9th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Transnational Crime held in
Vientiane, Lao PDR on 16-19 September 2013, which is of importance to enhance the
efforts on combating thes324.73 Tm (t9-0.0001 Tc z5cks7187.17 309.61 3c693(Re3 0 0 13 536.29 339

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Furthermore, counter-terrorism issue was also discussed in other meetings such as
the 7'11 ASEAN Defence Ministerial Meeting (ADMM)- Plus held in Brunei Darussalam on 7 May 2013, and the 3rd East Asia Summit Foreign Ministers Meeting held in Brunei
Darussalam on 29-30 June 2013. The ADMM-Plus has also indentified counter-terrorism as an area of cooperation. An ADMM-Plus Counter-Terrorism Exercise was also held in Indonesia in September 2013 to further practical cooperation amongst the ADMM-Plus militaries in tackling the threat of terrorism.

With regard to cooperation with Dialogues Partners, the 11th Joint ASEAN-Russian Federation Cooperation Committee was also held in Jakarta to discuss ways to enhance ASEAN-Russian Cooperation on all areas, including combating terrorism and transnational crimes.

Mr. Chairman,

ASEAN reiterates that terrorism cannot and must not be associated with any