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eliminate international terrorism" (Agenda Item 16),
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Mr. Chairman,

1. At the outset, I would like to congratulate you on the role as the President of this Committee. I would also like to congratulate the members of the Bureau. My delegation assures you of our full support and cooperation during the deliberations of this Committee.
2. My delegation aligns itself with the statements delivered by the Permanent Representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Kingdom of Cambodia on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), respectively.
3. I also wish to thank the Secretary General of the United Nations for his report on this issue which highlighted Measures taken at the national and international levels regarding the prevention and suppression of international terrorism, and information on incidents caused by international terrorism.

Mr. Chairman,

4. Terrorism constitutes one of the gravest threats to peace and security in our contemporary world. Reports of terrorist attacks have recently become daily news headlines. Terrorists have been employing, among others, techniques and tools that are easily accessible and necessary with our daily life, such as knives, vans, trucks. This makes it hard to prevent an act of terrorism. Where such terrorist attacks are prevalent, it could adversely affect the proper functioning of the society, such as the security of development or justice system. In this regard, the Lao PDR reiterates its position in condemning terrorist acts in all its forms and manifestations. My delegation also supports the efforts of the international community in the fight against this scourge of terrorism.

Mr. Chairman,

5. For the fight against terrorism to be more effective, we are of the view that

