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We encourage technical assistance and capacity building programs to strengthen national counter-terrorism efforts.

- (5) Countering Radicalization: Preventing the radicalization of individuals is crucial. ASEAN supports community-based programs, religious dialogue, and educational initiatives to counter extremist ideologies.
- (6) Protection of Soft Targets: In an interconnected world, soft targets such as public spaces and critical infrastructure are vulnerable to terrorist attacks. ASEAN calls for strengthened cooperation to protect soft targets and enhance public safety.
- (7) Cybersecurity: ASEAN emphasizes the importance of a robust cybersecurity measure to prevent terrorist organizations from exploiting the digital platform for recruitment and communication.

Mr. Chairman ,

- 10. Terrorist acts are never acceptable under any circumstances. In this context, ASEAN remains committed to actively engage in the global fight against the increasing menace of terrorism. We will continue to seek innovative ways to collaborate on counter-terrorism efforts and enhance our cross-sectoral cooperation in countering terrorism with our partners. We want to re-emphasize that terrorism should never be linked to any particular race, religion, nationality, or ethnicity.
- 11. Efforts to combat terrorism should strictly adhere to the United Nations Charter and uphold established international humanitarian and human rights laws. Additionally, it is crucial to respect the principles of state independence, sovereign equality, and non-interference in domestic affairs. These principles are essential for ensuring a robust global response to counter-terrorism.