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Thank you, Mr. Chairman,

and I would like to thank the Sixth Committee today on behalf of the Association of

Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), namely Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore,

Thailand, and Viet Nam.

At the outset, ASEAN would like to warmly congratulate you and other members of the bureau on your election as Chair of the Sixth Committee. We assure you of our full cooperation, and are confident that under your able guidance the work of the Sixth Committee will advance to successful conclusions.

ASEAN would also like to thank the Secretary General for his report on "Measures to

humanitarian and human rights laws. Moreover, the principles of independence and
sovereignty of States must be fully respected, while terrorism itself must not be

Mr. Chairman,

ASEAN is committed to eradicating the scourge of terrorism in our region and globally.
The ASEAN Convention on Counter-Terrorism (ACCT), which has been ratified by all

ten ASEAN Member States, serves as a framework for regional cooperation to prevent