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**Statement by Ambassador Hau Do Suan, Permanent Representative of Myanmar to the
United Nations**

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Madam Chair,

Let me begin by offering my sincere congratulations to you and members of the bureau on your well-deserved elections. My delegation will cooperate fully with you in discharging your important duties. I am confident that under your able stewardship, our deliberations will bear fruitful results.

My delegation associates itself with the statement delivered by the distinguished representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) and the Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Cambodia on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).

I would also like to thank the Secretary-General for his comprehensive report on this agenda item.

Madam Chair,

The global terrorism landscape is transforming into a more sophisticated form since terrorists continue to exploit internet and social media to facilitate a wide range of their activities. Electronic social media has been increasingly used for incitement, radicalization, recruitment, training, planning, cruitment, o 0 1 7 Tm{P}-3(e)4(rt80 1 7 Tm{P}-3(e)l m)-11(e 7 Tm{P}-3(e)ln4h-71((14 5BT1

Recently, some FTFs had tried to enter Myanmar territory from one of our neighboring countries in Southeast Asia in an attempt to reinforce ARSA terrorist activities. The latest arrest of ARSA terrorist suspects linking with ISIL in Malaysia in May and July this year were indisputable evidence of their connection.

Madam Chair,

The security threat posed by ARSA has been a major impediment to the restoration of peace, harmony and stability in Rakhine State. Death threats and intimidation of ARSA against displaced persons in the refugee camps on Bangladesh side had made the repatriation process impossible to commence. Recently, the German news agency DW has revealed that over three thousand five hundred ARSA terrorist individuals are sheltering in the refugee camps in Bangladesh. They have threatened aid workers and even killed people who expressed their desire to return to Rakhine State. Despite such threats, over 300 people have returned with their own arrangement.

My delegation denounces any form of political, diplomatic, moral or material support for terrorism or extremism. Any support, including moral support to terrorists especially ARSA terrorist group, wittingly or unwittingly, must be avoided. We urge all countries to refrain from such act. No terrorist activity or any support to such activities can be justified or condoned as a legitimate act for whatever reason.

In conclusion, my delegation would like to reiterate that Myanmar is committed to combat terrorism in all its forms and manifestations. We look forward to enhancing our cooperation with the UN Counter Terrorism bodies and with regional and international partners for capacity building, information sharing and combating the threat of international terrorism.

I thank you Madam Chair.