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Mr. Chairmen,
Distinguished delegates,
Ladies and gentlemen,

On behalf of the Chinese delegation, first of all, I want to echo other colleagues to express our thanks to the Governments of Malaysia and Japan for their excellent arrangements of this meeting and the great hospitality extended to us.

As for counter-terrorism, Asia-Pacific countries have stepped up counter-terrorism cooperation in recent years and made some progress in fighting terrorism. However, the situation remains challenging. Terrorist activities run wild in certain places. A number of terrorist organizations are still actively plotting terrorist attacks, threatening the security and stability of relevant countries and the regions a whole.

China opposes terrorism in all forms and supports counter-terrorism cooperation in the Asia-Pacific. China is committed to dialogue among civilizations and assists other developing countries in counter-terrorism capacity building. China believes that in the fight against terrorism, the *Charter of the United Nations*, international law and norms governing international relations should be followed and a holistic approach involving political, economic, social, diplomatic and legislative measures should be adopted. China opposes linking terrorism with a specific country, nation or region as well as double standard in counter terrorism.

Counter-terrorism is a priority area of ARF cooperation. ARF has convened eight inter-sessional meetings, adopted nine statements and formulated a Work Plan for Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime. In recent years, ARF has had discussions on border control, intelligence sharing, document security, emergency response system and origins of terrorism, and made constructive proposals on strengthening law enforcement cooperation, information sharing and capacity building. This has contributed to counter-terrorism cooperation in the Asia-Pacific region.

China is committed to strengthening counter-terrorism cooperation with other Asia-Pacific countries. China has established counter-terrorism consultation mechanisms with the United States, Canada, Pakistan and

India etc. China takes an active part in counter-terrorism cooperation under the framework of ARF. Such cooperation and exchanges have played a positive role in increasing mutual understanding between China and other Asia-Pacific countries on relevant issues, enhancing bilateral counter-terrorism cooperation and protecting shared security interests. China is ready to intensify cooperation and exchanges with countries in this region on the basis of equality, reciprocity and mutual benefit and promote new progress in the global fight against terrorism.

Mr. Chairmen,

As for fighting transnational organized crimes, transnational organized crimes covering illicit drugs, human trafficking, money laundering and corruption have spread continuously and linked with terrorism, which severely jeopardize economic development and social order of every country and bring challenges to regional peace and stability.

China attaches great importance to and actively participates in international cooperation against transnational organized crimes. China has approved the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the United Nations Convention against Corruption, kept sound cooperation with UN organizations and relevant international and regional organizations, and also carried out a lot of multilateral police and judicial cooperation. China will continue to strengthen cooperation with the international community including Asia-Pacific countries and work together to fight transnational organized crimes in future.

Thank you!