THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF TIMOR-LESTE

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Thank you Mr Chairman,

My delegation associates itself with the statement delivered by the Indonesian delegation on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement.

Mr Chairman, regional disarmament and security issue for Timor-Leste is a collective responsibility to promote regional peace and stability. Therefore, in 2007, Timor-Leste associated as a State party of the “Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia (TAC)” and in 2015 became a State party of the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF).

To this end, Timor-Leste actively participate regional meeting, seminars and workshops to promote regional peace, security, harmony and stability, particularly, friendship among peoples in the region and continues maintaining specialities of friendship and cooperation with neighbouring countries as well as ASEAN member States in particular and the region in general.

My delegation believes that all parties continue to respect and promote those regional peace instruments, and encourage fostering a constructive dialogue towards confidence building measure and preventive diplomacy in the Asia-Pacific region with respect to the principles of the non-interference internal affairs.

Mr Chairman

My delegation acknowledges that regional disarmament and security issues are not only an individual country responsibility but also becoming a collective concern to collective security for combating illegal small arms light weapons, terrorist and drug trafficking in the region.
Therefore, at the national level, in 2011, Timor-Leste has established a legal framework to prevent and combat money laundering and financing of terrorism. In 2014, Timor-Leste ratified United Nations Convention Against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances. And still in 2014, Timor-Leste established "scientific criminal investigation police" to investigate crimes relating to trafficking in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and other illicit drugs”. In 2017, Timor-Leste also established national legislation to combat illicit drug trafficking.

In this connection, my delegation concerns that, combating terrorism, trafficking and transnational crimes, illegal arms and light weapons, particularly, border control and sharing information among neighbouring countries to the regional “elicit trade of small arms; reinforce each national law enforcement; create database system, and monitor illegal activities for selling and buying small arms through ships transportation” are needed in the neighbouring countries cooperation and coordination that would guarantee peace, security and stability at the national and regional levels.

*Mr Chairman,*

My delegation also highlights that regional security today are also illegal shipment of weapons and maritime piracy that needs “collective responsibility” and collective security in respect to the principles of “territorial integrity” of the UN Charter.

My delegation fully supports regional and international initiatives to non-proliferation of nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons of mass destruction that should be eliminated regionally and internationally.

My delegation reaffirms that Timor-Leste does not support any entity, whether a State or non-State actor, attempting to develop, manufacture, acquire, possess, transport, transfer or use weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery.

Thank you Mr Chairman