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Speech on terrorism

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Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman, fellow delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

After the 911 incident, terrorist in Asia still occurred continuously, for example, several bombings in some places in Asia including attacks against United States interest in South Asia and the Middle East and recently in case of Mumbai in India which was the serious case.

How about Parliamentarians' action on facing terrorism.

Throughout these years, parliamentarians have discussed this issue in many inter-parliamentary organizations including IPU, AIPA, and APPU, which aimed to work closely in fighting against terrorism. However, it could not be overcome completely, but we can reduce risks, lessen the degree of violence and prepare to control terrorist events with the understanding of basic causes in terrorism, namely, ethnic, religious and ideological conflicts. I think that Asian parliamentarians therefore should support and strengthen our effort as follows:

- Promoting constructive roles with governments to combat terrorism under comprehensive strategy based on the nature and root causes of terrorism.
- Implementing resolution of the parliamentarians on fighting against terrorism under United Nations framework and other inter – parliamentary organizations.
- Enhancing the respect of the differentness in religion and culture with the principle of reconciliation, tolerance and understanding so as to get rid of the perception of outsider and the threat of survival leading to violence.
- Promoting the equal freedom, rights, and liberties in order to create peace and harmonization in society.
- Facilitating the access of information of all people in avoiding the misunderstand between the government and the people to avoid major conflicts.
- Using media an effective channel of communication to promote the values of non – violent dialogue, tolerance and understanding among people to the aim of strengthening social cohesion and solidarity.
- Arranging to promote public relations campaign comment on educational program on terrorism. Let the people know the dangers of terrorist acts concerning their lives, communities and nations as well as the international arena.
- Providing the networks in our organization members in tracing clues, and keeping a watch on the terrorism's movements.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.