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**THEMATIC DEBATE ON
DISARMAMENT MACHINERY
FIRST COMMITTEE OF THE 80TH SESSION OF THE
UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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Mr. Chair,

Malaysia aligns itself with the statements by NAM and ASEAN.

2. Upholding and revitalising the UN disarmament machinery is an urgent task, especially against a backdrop of heightened tension and strains on the multilateral system.
3. The First Committee affords all delegations an avenue for exchange of views, and the adoption of resolutions and decisions, on a broad range of disarmament and security issues. While we should strive for greater efficiency and optimal use of scarce resources, it is important to maintain the richness and depth of proceedings - both formal and informal - in the Committee's annual session. Malaysia will continue to approach discussions on this matter constructively, taking into account proposals already put forward.

4. Malaysia reiterates the value of a single-track process, avoiding duplication in the mandates of subsidiary bodies established by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the First Committee. We underscore the importance of ensuring the effective participation of developing countries in relevant UN processes. Malaysia welcomes the consensus adoption of the Final Report of the OEWG on ICT Security (2021-2025), and looks forward to the operationalisation of the new Global Mechanism. We are also encouraged by the progress made under the OEWG on the Prevention of an Arms Race in Outer Space in all its Aspects (2024-2028).

5. With regard to the Conference on Disarmament, Malaysia welcomes the decisions on the re-establishment of the five subsidiary bodies for the 2025 session. At the same time, we recognise that renewed political will is needed to achieve a balanced and comprehensive programme of work, and to enable the Conference to fulfil its mandate for substantive disarmament negotiations.

6. Further, my delegation will remain actively engaged in deliberations under the UN Disarmament Commission (UNDC) on nuclear disarmament, as well as emerging technologies in the context of international security, as we work towards substantive recommendations in the final phase of the current three-year cycle.

7. Malaysia also acknowledges the contributions of the UN Regional Centres for Peace and Disarmament, including in our own region of the Asia-Pacific, in advancing capacity building and dialogue in this field.

8. Let us redouble our efforts to strengthen the resilience and adaptability of the UN disarmament machinery in navigating the challenges at hand.

Thank you.