Implementation of A/RES/72/36 ‘Countering the Threat Posed by Improvised Explosive Devices’

Brunei Darussalam recognises the threats posed by Improvised Explosive Devices, which have seen a rise in its usage and impact, particularly to civilians. Its unlawful use by non-state actors that has caused maim, deaths and terror among civilians is of great concern.

The simplicity and availability of Improvised Explosive Devices making materials have become the main hindrance to countering the threats that it pose. Brunei Darussalam is of view that a whole-of-nation approach must be undertaken to counter such threats. Similar to the country’s effort in counter-terrorism, Brunei Darussalam also applies coordination of multi-government agencies ranging from the military, police force, immigration, protection of stockpiling of materials that can be used to produce the Improvised Explosive Devices, agriculture, aviation security and proper disposal of explosive remnant of wars and military stockpiles as part of the country’s counter-Improvised Explosive Devices (c-IEDs) measures.

The spread of Improvised Explosive Devices knowledge-sharing through online and communication technology must also be curbed. Brunei Darussalam again takes similar approach as monitoring extremist ideologies and influences that might be spread online. The country also keeps a high level of security screenings at immigration centres for any travels to and fro countries where Improvised Explosive Devices proliferate, as well as, monitor any movements from foreign fighters (bringing IED-related training to the country) that might use Brunei Darussalam as transit point or knowledge-sharing hub.

On the international level, Brunei Darussalam participates in effort to counter the threats of Improvised Explosive Devices with various organisations, sectors and counterparts. (248 words)