Mr. President,

I wish to join earlier speakers in expressing appreciation to His Excellency Ambassador Gary Quinlan, Permanent Representative of Australia which currently holds the Presidency of the Security Council for this month, for introducing the Annual Report of the Security Council as contained in document A/69/2 to the General Assembly.

2. Malaysia also wishes to recognise the delegation of Rwanda which had overseen the preparation of the present report during its Presidency of the Security Council last July. At this juncture, my delegation associates itself with the statement delivered by Iran on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM).

3. On a procedural note, Malaysia wishes to register its support for your decision Mr. President to separate the General Assembly’s consideration of the Council’s Annual Report from the question of Security Council reform. Malaysia believes that this move would allow for more focused debate and exchange of views.

Mr. President,

4. As an incoming member of the Security Council, Malaysia continues to believe that there remains significant room for improvement in terms of the relationship between the Council and other principal organs of the Organisation, particularly with the General Assembly.
5. Malaysia further believes that the Charter has clearly identified the scope and roles and responsibilities of the principal organs and that each organ should accord due respect to the jurisdiction, roles and responsibilities of the other.

6. However, this should not be taken to mean that the work of the principal organs are mutually exclusive; rather there should be better coordination and understanding among the principal organs with a view to effectively contribute to the work of the United Nations as a whole.

7. During its term on the Council, Malaysia intends to work closely with other Council members, as well as with all other interested partners and stakeholders towards that end.

Mr. President,

8. Malaysia notes the activities, initiatives and decisions taken by the Security Council during the reporting period as reflected in the report before us.

9. Malaysia is of the view that the Council has taken a number of important decisions on a number of key issues and situations that have and continue to pose threats to international peace and security.

10. That said, the Council remains paralysed on a number of key issues among which include the Palestine-Israel conflict. Malaysia notes that while the Palestine-Israel conflict has long been on the Council's agenda; and that Council remains seized of the issue including through the scheduled quarterly Open Debates, such move has arguably had little impact in terms of resolving the conflict itself.

11. On this note, Malaysia would encourage the Council to continue considering fresh approaches and as an incoming member, Malaysia stands ready to contribute towards moving the discussion forward.

Mr. President,

12. Malaysia is also encouraged to note that the calls for better transparency, coherence and accountability on the part of the Council by the wider membership has - to a certain extent - been implemented or taken on board by the Council. These have among others, been reflected in the various notes issued by the Council's Presidency over the course of the reporting period.

13. In addition, Malaysia is positively encouraged by the measures taken by the Council members towards making its work more accessible and transparent including through increased use of Arria-formula meetings as well as more regular and open briefings by the relevant Special Advisers / Representatives, Rapporteurs and other high officials of UN Agencies, among other steps. That said, more could be done in this regard.
14. For instance, Malaysia notes that over the years since the adoption of Council’s Presidential Note S/2002/199, the introduction to the Annual Report has grown significantly in terms of length. For instance, in the current iteration of the report, the introduction stands at 63 pages; slightly longer than the introduction for the preceding year’s report.

15. Malaysia believes that the Council should address the call for the Annual Report to be more accessible and concise while at the same time, maintaining its comprehensiveness. In this regard, the Council may wish to consider revisiting certain elements including the format and the structure of the report, among others.

16. In line with the relevant decisions taken by the General Assembly including A/RES/68/307, Malaysia believes that the preparatory process for Council’s future Annual Reports could also benefit from more consultations with the wider UN membership.

Mr. President,

17. In concluding, Malaysia wishes to underscore the need for closer interaction and better cooperation between the General Assembly and the Security Council, with a view to ensuring the effectiveness of the United Nations system, particularly in the context of maintaining international peace and security.

18. As a first step towards that end, Malaysia would welcome and support all initiatives aimed at making the Council’s Annual Report a more useful and valuable resource.

I thank you Mr. President.