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Mr. President,

1. Thailand aligns itself with the statement of the Group of 77 and China.
2. The QCPR, as an inter-governmentally negotiated resolution, adopted by consensus, provides a much-needed, long-term, system-wide strategic policy guidance for the UNDS' planning and operations. Thailand reiterates the call for the provisions in the QCPR be strongly implemented into the work of all UNDS entities, particularly the UN Country Teams at the national level.

Mr. President,

3. Thailand would like to stress on some elements that are important to us.
4. First, it is crucial that UNDS' operational activities are planned and carried out under the national ownership and leadership of the programme country. For the ongoing negotiation of the Thailand-UN Partnership Framework (UNPAF) 2017-2021, engagement with all agencies is key to ensure that it aligns with our national priorities and needs.
5. Second, Thailand highly values the contributions of ESCAP towards regional development efforts, and therefore, we call for stronger support by the UNDS to the regional commissions on the ground.
6. Third, agencies under the UN Country Team need to coordinate effectively and coherently. The Resident Coordinators (RC) must have sufficient leadership, experiences, and skills. Thailand fully welcomes a more open, transparent, merit-based, and gender-balanced management and recruitment process for the RC system.
7. Fourth, Thailand underscores a holistic and inclusive approach to sustainable development, and emphasizes the importance of partnerships with relevant stakeholders, which is in line with our Public-Private-People-Partnership policy.
8. Lastly, South-South and triangular cooperation are central to Thailand's international development cooperation policy and efforts. We would like to see the UNDS further enhance support to developing countries in this area. As an emerging donor, Thailand's International Cooperation Agency (TICA) has been proudly sharing the knowledge and best practices of the Sufficiency Economy Philosophy (SEP) of His Majesty the late King Bhumibol Adulyadej, as an approach to achieve the 2030 Agenda.

Mr. President,

9. Thailand stands ready to actively engage with the UNDS in moving towards a sustainable future for all.

I thank you.
