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Statement

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of the 11th Emergency Special Session
of the United Nations General Assembly**

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Mr. President,

1. Thailand is gravely concerned with the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Ukraine, and is deeply saddened by the loss of innocent lives and destruction of property and civilian infrastructure in Ukraine, as well as by the plight of affected civilians including those who have fled to neighboring countries.

2. We call for the respect for and protection of civilian life and infrastructure and for the facilitation of access to humanitarian assistance to those affected, within and around Ukraine, without discrimination on any basis, and without politicization. In this regard, Thailand calls on all parties to fully comply with their obligations under international humanitarian law and international human rights law, and underscores the need for all actors engaged in the provision of humanitarian assistance to promote and fully respect the principles of humanity, neutrality, impartiality and independence.

3. Thailand reaffirms our commitment to support the international community to alleviate the consequences of the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Ukraine, which has already been challenging due to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

4. On our part, Thailand has provided humanitarian assistance, including food, medical and other essential supplies, to the affected civilians through the Ukrainian Red Cross Society. Additionally, the Thai Red Cross Society has provided financial contribution to the Ukrainian Red Cross Society in support of the ongoing humanitarian operations as well as raising funds from the public for the Ukrainian Red Cross Society's relief activities.

5. The escalation of the situation will only cause wider impacts, including humanitarian consequences, in Ukraine and around the world. Thailand therefore welcomes and encourages continued efforts at bilateral talks between the concerned parties, looks forward to their fruitful outcomes, especially to help ameliorate the pressing humanitarian situation, and hopes for the peaceful settlement of the situation.

6. Thank you.
