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Statement

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humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations,
including special economic assistance**

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Mr. President,

1. At the outset, my delegation thanks the Secretary-General for his reports, which highlight how Member States can work together to strengthen humanitarian and disaster relief assistance. Thailand also commends United Nations humanitarian agencies and all personnel for their efforts in responding to humanitarian emergencies globally.

2. As outlined in the report, 2024 was the **deadliest year for aid workers**, the **hottest year for the planet and ocean** on record, and **the worst year on record for disaster-related internal displacement**, with 45.8 million people uprooted. This worrying trend continues in 2025.

3. Against this backdrop, Thailand is deeply concerned with the growing number of people in urgent need of humanitarian assistance. Particularly, many have been affected by conflicts, violence and intensifying disasters caused by natural hazards, **overstretching the humanitarian system**. Despite these challenges, **violations of international humanitarian law continue to exacerbate, humanitarian funding gaps remains persistent, and access to humanitarian assistance remains limiting**.

Mr. President,

4. In the past few months, **climate related disasters** ranging from droughts in southern Africa, hurricane in Caribbean and super typhoons in South East Asia have caused untold miseries and humanitarian emergencies. Only few weeks ago, devastating floods in Southern Thailand claimed more than 250 lives a total of over 1,700 lives when combined with floods in Indonesia, Sri Lanka, the Philippines and Malaysia.

5. Year 2025 therefore serves as a sobering reminder of the urgent need to strengthen **resilience, preparedness and response capabilities to disasters and humanitarian emergencies** at all levels. Thailand therefore wishes to share the following three points:

6. First, we need to strengthen the **implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction** to build capacities of countries and relevant actors to prepare for and respond to natural hazards. This includes scaling up **early warning**, investing in **coordinated anticipatory action** and **localizing disaster preparedness and response**.

7. This brings us to the second point. To build long-term resilience, humanitarian programmes must engage **local actors and communities** who best understand their context, needs, and priorities. As local communities are often

at forefront in providing aids to their people and vulnerable groups, particularly women and youth, this would make assistance more needs-driven and timely while strengthen accountability to affected populations.

8. Third, we call on all parties to strengthening effectiveness of global humanitarian architecture through **improving coordination and scaling up of sustainable finance**.

9. We must **maximize synergies in humanitarian response**, in particular by strengthening coherence of the work of UN agencies, the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) and regional organizations. They are key to effective delivery of humanitarian and disaster relief to the people in times of need.

10. **Innovative financing models** should also be explored and expanded, including deeper engagement with the private sector, stronger links between humanitarian and development programs, and broader use of pooled funding mechanisms.

11. We therefore look forward to the implementation of **Humanitarian Reset Initiative** and the relevant efforts under **the UN80 Initiative** in this context to support **future-ready humanitarian system**.

Mr. President,

12. Thailand has a long-standing humanitarian tradition to providing assistance to people crossing into our border from neighboring countries, seeking refuge and better livelihood. Currently, through the implementation of our **Policy Framework to provide humanitarian assistance for the vulnerable populations along the Thailand-Myanmar border**, Thailand has been working closely with partners to **ensure access to public health services and education** for the group, and will continue to do our part despite many challenges, including increasing trends of people crossing from Myanmar into Thailand.

13. Regrettably, for the past five months, we have been confronting with humanitarian consequences of a conflict situation along our border. Indiscriminate weapons like landmines were used. As a State Party to the **Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention (APMBC)**, we call on all parties to fully adhere to their obligations under the Convention. This is imperative to protect civilian lives and ensure the safety of local communities.

14. **In this context, we underscore that the protection of humanitarian personnel is non-negotiable.** Thailand is deeply alarmed by the rising attacks against healthcare personnel and facilities, which erode humanitarian principles and contravene international humanitarian law. **We therefore urge all parties to respect and protect medical workers and health facilities at all times,**

ensure safe, sustained and unimpeded humanitarian access and medical evacuations, and uphold accountability for attacks against humanitarian and medical missions.

Mr. President,

15. Allow me to conclude by reiterating Thailand's commitment to work constructively with all Member States, UN agencies, and humanitarian partners in time of this unprecedented humanitarian challenges to save lives, alleviate suffering and strive to build a more sustainable and resilient world.

16. I thank you.
