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Statement

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Chair,

1. Thailand aligns itself with the statements delivered by Uruguay on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, and by the Philippines on behalf of ASEAN.

2. The global economy is changing rapidly. Geopolitical tensions, strategic competition, and repeated shocks -- both man-made and natural -- are putting our hard-earned development gains at risk. And this comes at a critical time, as we enter the final years before 2030, with an annual SDG financing gap of around 4 trillion US Dollars.

3. Against this backdrop, Thailand would like to highlight three points.

4. **First**, we need to revitalise **financing for development** so that countries can better respond to today's complex challenges and build greater resilience for the future.

5. The Sevilla Commitment gives us a clear way forward. Developed countries should honour their **ODA commitments** and reverse the decline in development assistance. At the same time, developing countries must have the resources and support they need to implement their development priorities. Thailand, for its part, is strengthening its role as an emerging development partner.

6. We also need to address the structural challenges in the global financial system. Reform of the **international financial architecture** should give developing countries greater access to affordable finance and a stronger voice and representation. We must also do more to curb **illicit financial flows**, including those linked to online scams, which drain valuable domestic resources.

7. **Second**, we need to make better use of **sustainable and digital finance** to increase the impact of our development efforts.

8. **Climate finance** must be scaled up to reach 1.3 trillion US Dollars per year by 2035 for developing countries, in line with decisions under the UNFCCC COP30. Developing countries also need greater support to deliver on the commitment to triple adaptation finance and to fully operationalise the Loss and Damage Fund. At the same time, we should give greater attention to **disaster risk reduction** so that countries can build resilience before disaster strike.

9. Thailand is doing its part. We are scaling up climate finance and green investment through the Thai ESG Fund, Sovereign Sustainability-Linked Bonds and the Thailand Taxonomy. These efforts will be further strengthened once Thailand's first Climate Change Act is enacted.

10. **Digital finance** also has enormous potential. It can expand financial inclusion while lowering transaction costs. MDBs and IFIs can play an important

role by helping developing countries invest in safe and interoperable digital financial infrastructure.

11. Thailand's experience with **PromptPay and Thai QR Payment** shows what this can achieve. Our real-time digital payment system has made financial services faster, easier to access, and more affordable.

12. *Third*, we need **stronger partnerships** to turn commitments into results.

13. Partnerships can help mobilise resources and bring together governments, the private sector, civil society, and other stake holders. Thailand strongly supports whole-of-government and whole-of-society approaches that connect national priorities with local needs, strengthen local ownership of the SDGs, and encourage greater engagement from the private sector and philanthropic organizations.

14. Thailand will also continue to advance South-South and Triangular Cooperation, as a complement to North-South cooperation, in support of our shared development priorities.

15. At the regional level, we will deepen our cooperation, particularly through ASEAN and ESCAP. We will also strengthen cooperation across regions and through other relevant frameworks, including through Thailand's ongoing OECD accession process.

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16. In less than one week, Thailand will host the **2026 IMF-World Bank Group Annual Meetings**. We see the meetings in Bangkok as an important opportunity to advance the conversation on financing for sustainable development and on how we can collectively respond to a changing global economy.

17. Looking ahead, the 2027 SDG Summit will be another critical opportunity to turn our commitments into concrete action, as we approach 2030 and look beyond it. Thailand remains committed to working with all partners towards a more inclusive, resilient, and sustainable future for all.

18. I thank you.