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**Statement
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Mr. Chair,

1. Thank you very much. Let me begin by congratulating you and the Bureau members on your election. I wish you every success.
2. I also thank the outgoing Bureau, the Secretariat and the ACABQ for their hard work during the 80th session.
3. Thailand aligns itself with the statements by Uruguay on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, and by Singapore on behalf of ASEAN.

Mr. Chair,

4. Thailand wishes to highlight three priorities for this session.
5. **First, strengthening ESCAP.**
6. As host country, Thailand is fully committed to supporting ESCAP and its work to advance sustainable development across the Asia-Pacific region, where 60 per cent of its members and associate members are LDCs, LLDCs, and SIDs.
7. ESCAP needs adequate resources to carry out the mandates given by Member States. This includes sufficient funding under the Regular Programme of Technical Cooperation to help countries in special situations build their capacity.
8. **Second, promoting international law.**
9. Thailand supports adequate budget and sustained UN funding for the Regional Courses in International Law in the Asia-Pacific.

10. These courses offer valuable opportunities, especially for participants from developing countries, to deepen their understanding of international law, learn from leading experts and build professional networks. This, in turn, helps strengthen international peace and cooperation.

11. **Third, strengthening OHCHR's regional presence.**

12. Thailand supports the establishment of a D1 position at the OHCHR regional office in Bangkok as part of its regionalisation efforts.

13. Stronger leadership on the ground will help the Office better understand regional realities, respond more quickly and work more closely with stakeholders.

Mr. Chair,

14. On the broader issue of the UN reform, Thailand believes that the UN80 initiative must go beyond simply cutting budget. Reform should be about making the UN more efficient, effective and better able to deliver results.

15. Equally important, all Member States, regardless of their size or financial contributions, must have an equal voice in shaping the reform. No single country should dictate its direction.

16. Finally, Thailand looks forward to working constructively with all delegations to strengthen the UN and uphold multilateralism in our common interest. And you can count on Thailand's full support.

Thank you so much for your kind attention.

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