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Statement

by

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Excellencies,
Distinguished Delegates,
Colleagues,

1. I join the other colleagues in expressing our appreciation for all countries as well as the UN entities for co-hosting this event in observance of World Water Day today at the backdrop of CSW. **Women and water** play an indispensable role in driving sustainable development in our country.
2. As a nation whose lifeblood is deeply connected to water through our rivers, coastlines and agriculture, Thailand remains steadfast in our commitment to ensure **universal access to safe and affordable drinking water and sanitation, which is not just as a service but as a fundamental human right.**
3. As Thailand continues to commemorate World Water Day in line with the global theme, this year we focus on translating policy into practice for water conservation and sustainability with a particular focus on **integrating gender considerations in river basin management.**
4. Based on our experiences, we wish to share three points.
5. First, **empower women and girls in local communities** so that they can be the forces that prevent and manage **water-related disasters.** By strengthening their **access to knowledge, resources, and decision-making processes,** as well as their capacities in **water management and disaster risk reduction,** including through nature-based solutions, we ensure that they are the drivers of their own climate resilience.
6. Second, women and water fuel our economic development. Thailand's **20-Year Master Plan on Water Resources Management** aims to ensure their continued **access to safe water for use and consumption and reliable water supply** for production, thereby helping to safeguard their livelihoods.
7. Third, scale up **adequate and predictable finance to ensure inclusive and efficient water service system.** This enables us to address technological, science and data gaps, particularly **gender-disaggregated data** to monitor gender disparity in water access. **International and regional cooperation** can play a crucial role in capacity building and closing these gaps for developing countries.

Excellencies,

8. As we approach the conclusion of the **Water Action Decade and SDGs,** we need to accelerate actions to drive forward water-related goals **from Dakar to UAE and from UAE to Dushanbe.** Thailand reaffirms our commitment to working with Special Envoy on Water and all stakeholders to support the global efforts in achieving SDG6 and the 2030 Agenda for every woman and girl, everywhere.

I thank you.