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Statement

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Chair,

1. Thailand aligns itself with the statements delivered on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, and ASEAN.
2. With 2030 just around the corner, the **gap between where we stand and the SDGs' finish line is unfortunately widening**, with regression in 15% of the goals. We are facing **geopolitical headwinds**, which disrupt trade and energy security globally, while financing for the SDGs is facing great constraints, with **record levels of public debt** and the **largest annual contraction of ODA** on record. **Disasters also continue to intensify** worldwide, resulting in a doubling of the number of affected people compared to the last decade.
3. Developing countries, including Thailand, continue to bear the brunt. We must therefore act together with **urgency, solidarity** and renewed **trust in multilateralism** to **empower our people and build resilience** against these external shocks. Thailand would like to highlight four points.
4. **First, resilience in disaster risk reduction.** The increasing frequency and severity of disasters around the world, from the recent flooding in Bangkok and the glacial rock avalanche in Nepal, remind us that **climate risks are already affecting people and communities.**
5. This highlights the need to **fully implement the Sendai Framework** and to **mainstream disaster prevention and preparedness** into national policy, planning and financing. The UN system and development partners therefore should support **investment in resilience to strengthen risk anticipation**, timely **anticipatory action** and **protection of persons** in the event of disasters.
6. For Thailand, our approach on resilience is guided by the **Sufficiency Economy Philosophy**, which seeks to promote development that strengthens people's ability to withstand shocks. We also work to build community resilience through **Community-Based Disaster Risk Management** to identify risks and develop locally driven preparedness measures.

7. **Second is climate resilience.** Thailand is **advancing the green transition towards a low-carbon and climate-resilient development pathway**, with a view to achieving net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. We seek to build a **resilient energy system** through tax incentives for solar rooftops, tax breaks for green investment, and improving grid and battery storage to achieve a 30% share of renewable energy by 2030.
 8. For the green transition to be sustainable, it **must be locally driven and implemented in an integrated manner across sectors and levels of government.** On an island in Southern Thailand (Koh Mak), the government has successfully supported the financial matching between the private sector and community networks to promote low-carbon tourism alongside seagrass conservation and coral reef restoration.
 9. **Third is resilience for the planet.** As 2026 is a “triple COPs” year under three Rio Conventions, taking place alongside the 2026 UN Water Conference, this presents a valuable opportunity to advance implementation of environmental commitments in achieving the SDGs through **promoting greater coherence within and among relevant multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs).**
 10. Lastly is **resilient partnership.** Sustainable development cannot be achieved without **whole-of-government and whole-of-society** joining hands together. **Partnerships between countries, sectors and stakeholders at all levels** are also key to the successful implementation of the 2030 Agenda.
- Chair,
11. Thailand reaffirms its commitment to advancing the 2030 Agenda through integrated, resilient and locally driven approaches, in order to safeguard sustainable development.
 12. Thailand hopes that all of us here in Second Committee can work together constructively through this challenging moment to **accelerate implementation and spur momentum** to inform the SDG Summit in 2027 and development of the post-2030 agenda.
 13. I thank you.
