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Statement

by

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to the United Nations**

at Commemoration of the 80th Anniversary of ECOSOC

ECOSOC Chamber

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Mr. President,

1. Thailand aligns itself with the statement delivered by Uruguay on behalf of the Group of 77 and China and the statement delivered by the Lao PDR on behalf of ASEAN.

Mr. President,

2. At a time of growing uncertainty and fragmentation, **ECOSOC's role at its 80th anniversary in fostering dialogue, solidarity, and collective problem-solving is more critical than ever.**
3. While ECOSOC plays a central role in advancing implementation, review, and accountability for the SDGs, there remains a **need to strengthen the link between political dialogue and operational delivery** to ensure that commitments translate into concrete action.
4. ECOSOC can also serve as a more effective and inclusive platform for multilateralism by fostering cross-regional dialogue and collaboration. Thailand **encourages ECOSOC to further strengthen partnerships with regional organizations.** This gives a solid institutional base to move from dialogue toward coordinated delivery.

Mr. President,

5. Thailand recognizes that ECOSOC is the UN's key platform for sustainable development. We stand **ready to contribute constructively to positive reforms within ECOSOC and across the UN system, and to foster partnerships** that respond to the diverse needs of countries at all levels of development.
6. In this spirit, Thailand has **presented its candidature to ECOSOC for the term 2029–2031.** This coincides with this year's 80th anniversary of Thailand's membership in the UN, reflecting eight decades of our unwavering commitment to multilateralism and collective action in pursuit of a more sustainable and peaceful world.
7. Thailand is determined to work with all partners to further strengthen ECOSOC, making it more effective, dynamic, and action-oriented.
8. I thank you.

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