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**Statement**

**by**

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Mr. President,  
Excellencies,  
Distinguished delegates,

1. Thailand recognizes that **partnership is a key driver for accelerating progress** towards Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). We need the **concerted efforts of everyone, everywhere** to achieve the same goals, for countries and stakeholders alike.
2. Thailand sees ECOSOC throughout its 80 years as an open, inclusive space for advancing collaboration and supporting coordinated action by governments, the UN system and stakeholders. We **commend ECOSOC for its continued efforts to strengthen partnerships** in support of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs.
3. The multi-dimensional nature of ECOSOC reflects the complex and interconnected economic, social and development challenges that we face today. And in an ideal world, we would have the means to address all these challenges simultaneously. The reality is that resources remain limited and unevenly distributed across countries and regions. This makes **prioritization, effective coordination, and strong partnerships** all the more critical.
4. Allow me to share some suggestions from Thailand as we prepare for the upcoming reviews of the Council and the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF).
5. **First**, ECOSOC should draw more systematically on the expertise of UN Specialized Agencies and its Functional Commissions to **provide data and evidence-based policy guidance to member states**. Strengthening **the linkages between foresight work, UN country-level support, and national development priorities** would help ensure that emerging risks and opportunities are addressed in a timely and practical manner.
6. **Second**, issues such as **poverty reduction, climate change, bridging the digital divide, reforming the global economic and financial architecture, and digital economy** remain critical issues that deserve continued attention across ECOSOC and its subsidiary bodies.
7. **Third**, greater attention should be given to countries in special situations, the LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS whose structural vulnerabilities require tailored and sustained support.

8. **Fourth**, regional dimensions need to feature prominently in the work of ECOSOC and the HLPF. After all, **regional commissions are making critical contributions** not only within their regions but also at global and country levels.

9. **Lastly**, The contributions of all the ECOSOC Segments and Forums should inspire our deliberations for the 2026 Ministerial Declaration and contribute to accelerating progress across the SDGs. Thailand looks forward to action-orientated and practical recommendations.

**Mr. President,**

10. Effective partnerships are built on **shared objectives, guided by evidence, and sustained through financing, knowledge-sharing, and capacity-building**. Equally important, community-led partnerships play a vital role in building trust, strengthening ownership, and ensuring accountability. Thus, with effective and community-led partnerships, we can come up with policies and plans of action that deliver meaningful impact on the ground.

11. Thank you.

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