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Statement

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**at the International Meeting on Victim Assistance
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Co-Chairs,

1. Thailand welcomes the convening of this timely meeting as mandated by the General Assembly resolutions 79/60 and 80/56. The long-term humanitarian consequences and environmental degradation caused by nuclear weapons testing and use demand urgent and united international response.
2. In addressing the nuclear legacy, Thailand emphasises three key priorities:
3. First is to deliver **actionable, survivor-centred victim assistance and environmental remediation frameworks**. As one of the first State Parties to the TPNW, Thailand views Article 6 and 7 as essential legal and moral obligations. Our efforts to provide practical victim support and effective environmental restoration must be based on the actual need of survivors.
4. Thailand recognises the disproportionate impact of nuclear weapons on women and children. Therefore, it is crucial that we develop targeted protection and assistance frameworks to mitigate the long-term harm inflicted on vulnerable communities.
5. Second, to ensure **sustainable technical and financial support**, Thailand supports the establishment of an international trust fund for victim assistance and environmental remediation. We emphasise the need to engage the scientific community, affected communities, civil society, and international organisations in this regard. Thailand looks forward to the discussions on the trust fund's terms of reference, guidelines, and technical provisions, based on the Co-Chairs' report.
6. Third, we need to reinforce **complementary global non-proliferation and disarmament architecture**. Thailand views that addressing humanitarian harm and advancing global disarmament efforts are mutually reinforcing endeavours. We should, therefore, ensure synergy among the relevant instruments, be they the TPNW, NPT, CTBT, or the regional nuclear-weapon-free-zone treaties, including the SEANWFZ Treaty, while advancing scientific study on humanitarian impacts, strengthens international humanitarian law and reinforces our shared goal of a total elimination of nuclear weapons.
7. The most effective way to prevent future victims and environmental harm is to ensure that nuclear weapons are never tested or used again, and ultimately, eliminated. Thailand stands ready to work constructively with all Member States and stakeholders to achieve this long-overdue aspiration.

Thank you.