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Statement

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Mr. President,

1. Thailand would like to express its appreciation to the volunteers working around the world for dedication and contribution.
2. Thailand **welcomes the UNV Strategic Framework 2026-2029** and appreciate the important role of UNV in supporting UN entities to deliver their mandates across the development, human rights, and peace and security pillars.
3. Thailand **congratulates UNV on the progress reflected in the Framework**, particularly in advancing inclusion by expanding opportunities for participation of persons with disabilities, youths, and older persons, including through the use of digital technology such as the Online Volunteering programme.
4. A diverse pool of volunteers from various backgrounds and age groups can help ensure **that right volunteers are dispatched at appropriate place and time**. We also **commend UNV's efforts to achieve gender balance and increase participation of volunteers from developing countries**.
5. Thailand strongly **supports volunteers as ambassadors and agents for SDGs implementation and sustainable development** through community engagement and promotion of locally-driven solutions and cross-sectoral collaboration.
6. **Thailand finances volunteers through the 'Friends From Thailand' (FFT) Programme** to travel across regions to strengthen development cooperation, deepen people-to-people ties, and support progress towards SDGs in various areas, including agriculture, education, rural development and public health.

Mr. President,

7. Every year, **Thailand celebrates International Volunteer Day to recognize the volunteers' meaningful contributions** to sustainable development. Last November, together with partners including the UNDP and UNV, we organized our International Volunteer Day 2025 event to promote 'the spirit of volunteerism' and also hosted a "Run for Inclusion" activity aimed at highlighting the importance of inclusive volunteerism.

8. Since this year is the International Year of Volunteers for Sustainable Development (IVY 2026), **Thailand is in the process of formally designating 2026 as the Year of Volunteers for Sustainable Development in Thailand** to support and complement the UN's global initiative. Activities to promote volunteerism and to underscore the linkages between volunteerism and sustainable development are planned throughout the year.

Mr. President,

9. **Thailand reaffirms our commitment** to our longstanding partnership with UNV, including through our ongoing support for the **Special Voluntary Fund**. As host of the UNV Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, and with over 100 UN Volunteers working in Thailand, we will continue to work with UNV to support volunteerism to advance the SDGs.

10. I thank you.

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