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Explanation of Position

by

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to the United Nations,

before the Third Committee
of the 77th Session of the United Nations General Assembly

for action on the draft resolution "Situation of human rights of the Rohingya Muslims and other minorities in Myanmar" (L.33 Rev.1)

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as delivered

Mr. Chair,

- 1. Thailand joined the consensus in the adoption of this resolution L.33 Rev.1 and wishes to emphasize the need to keep our focus on the original objective and scope of this resolution, and to ensure an inclusive process with appropriate consultation with all relevant parties, including with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).
- 2. Thailand remains concerned about the on-going violence in Myanmar, which has resulted in casualties and damage to properties of many civilians. We call on all relevant parties in Myanmar to take meaningful steps towards de-escalation and cessation of violence, engage in dialogue with each other to find peaceful solution, and ensure that human rights of all people in Myanmar are fully respected.
- 3. Thailand also wishes to underline the importance of paving the way for more sustainable solution for the situation in Rakhine. Bangladesh's generosity in hosting the largest group of displaced Rohingya must be supported by timely, sufficient and continuous contribution of the international community. We need to work together to address the root causes of the problem and create a conducive environment for the safe, voluntary and dignified return. On our part, Thailand has continued to implement three development projects in Rakhine based on the ASEAN Preliminary Needs Assessment (PNA) recommendations.
- 4. Lastly, Thailand wishes to reaffirm our full support for the continued efforts of ASEAN, which convened a successful Summit and Related Summits just a few days ago, to play a constructive role in helping to create an environment that is conducive for a peaceful resolution of the situation in Myanmar including the concrete implementation of the 5-Point Consensus, and to contribute to the inclusive and sustainable development in Rakhine State. The voice of ASEAN matters and must be taken into account. We thus appreciate the positive references made by delegations to the 5-Point Consensus.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.	