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Excellencies,

‘Health’ without ‘Equity’ is ‘Health’ with no ‘Security’.

Since the beginning of COVID-19, Thailand has ensured that **equity is at the heart** of our public health interventions.

The world cannot achieve **‘global health security’** without **‘solidarity’**. This is why Thailand is committed to **playing its part** in the global collaboration to bolster SDG3.

First, we work to improve **health equity**.

Domestically, our Universal Health Coverage scheme protects everyone’s health in a **non-discriminatory** manner, that leaves no one behind. We ensure access to healthcare for everyone regardless of their level of income, gender, religion, or nationality.

Internationally, we pledged to provide **1.5 million USD** each year, from 2020-2024, to the **Global Fund** to ensure ‘health for all’, including, in particular, the vulnerable and those furthest behind.

Second, we have **utilized our resources** to train and motivate relevant stakeholders to engage in the pandemic containment process.

We addressed the **global shortfall of health workforce** by working with **neighboring countries** to upgrade their preparedness and response, and train **new epidemiologists** and **migrant worker volunteers**

Thailand is pleased to be hosting the **ASEAN Centre for Public Health Emergencies and Emerging Diseases (ACPHEED)**, which will contribute to strengthening ASEAN regional capabilities to prepare, prevent, detect, and respond to emerging health emergencies.

Third, we have worked toward **bolstering supply chain resilience** while continuing our efforts to **get the SDGs back on track**.

We are working towards developing **stockpiles of health products**, with an emphasis on sustainability through the use of renewable energy and waste recycling.

Excellencies,

Stronger and fairer health systems are the solid foundation of the ‘**global health security**’.

The **global health architecture** needs to be reformed for **more equity, more inclusivity** and **more coherence**.

Let us work towards finalizing a new ‘**pandemic treaty**’ under WHO and promoting **complementarity** between relevant initiatives, including the **Financial Intermediary Funds** and **sustainable financing reforms** of WHO. **Synergy is key** in this endeavour.

I thank you.
