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at the Briefing by the SG

on the implementation of the “Our Common Agenda” (OCA) Report

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Mr. President,

1. I wish to thank the UNSG for his briefing on the implementation of the “Our Common Agenda report” and the co-facilitators for the updates. Thailand aligns itself with the statement by Pakistan on behalf of G77 and China, and wishes to underscore the following five quick points:

2. **First, the responsibility falls on this generation to make a better future for succeeding generations.** That is why we support convening a high-level “**Summit of the Future**”. To help ensure that the trajectory and content of inevitable change is as beneficial as possible for those who follow us.

3. **Second, there is no future without sustainable development.** The SDG Summit will be critical to rescue the SDGs and should be the priority of the high-level week in UNGA78 as are also other high-level mandated events, such as on universal health coverage and financing for development. We thus welcome the UNSG’s emphasis that there should be a strong link between the “twin Summits”, the SDG Summit and the Summit of the Future. But as we all know identical twins sometimes do not talk to each other so it is important that the two Summits be mutually reinforcing and we see to it that there is a good two-way flow of ideas between the two.

4. **Third, overcoming the fundamental challenges of the present is the best way to invest for the future.** Our priority at the Summit of the Future should also be to deal with the now. Overcoming poverty and hunger. Ensuring universal health

coverage for all, as a foundation for social protection for all. Delivering on gender equality and protection of the most vulnerable. These should not be forgotten. Only with basic human and society needs fulfilled can we be better positioned to build a better future.

5. **Fourth, looking beyond the time horizon is also essential to prepare for future challenges.** Many challenges with long-term implication can be identified right now, from threats to the planet from climate change to threats to human security from stresses on food and water supply. But many others are not so visible or predictable. The Summit of the Future should discuss how the UN can develop a viable system to have strategic foresight and potential early warning capabilities to be agreed to by Member States. From black swan events to next generation global issues, the Summit should make us better prepared to face them.

6. **Fifth and lastly, people are the stakeholders, the UNSG and the Secretariat are critical catalysts, while Member States are the drivers.** These three components need to work closely together to have an effective process for the Summit of the Future. We thus support the engagement of stakeholders, as they are essential partners in the 2030 Agenda. We welcome the UNSG's role in initiating ideas on the way forward and proposing various Summit "tracks". The decisions regarding Summit tracks would be made by Member States through an intergovernmental negotiation on the modalities resolution, and likewise for the Declaration on Future Generations.

7. Thank you, Mr. President.
