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Statement

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Mr. President,
Mr. Secretary-General

1. Thailand would like to express our sincere condolences to and solidarity with the Government and people of Pakistan as it deals with the tragic impact, in terms of lives lost and livelihoods destroyed, of Pakistan's worst floods in decades.

2. May we take this opportunity to commend the efforts of Government of Pakistan, the UN system, humanitarian and frontline workers, civil society organizations, and local communities in responding to this disaster by providing humanitarian assistance to those in need.

3. Thailand is proud to co-sponsor the resolution that has just been adopted. Thailand has also played a small part in contributing to the alleviation of the impacts from the floods, with donations of 7 million Thai Baht from the Thai Foreign Ministry and over 14 million Thai Baht from civil society organizations in Thailand.

4. As mentioned by the Permanent Representative of Pakistan, more challenges remain, from addressing remaining public health issues to promoting recovery. Thailand thus urges the international community and relevant stakeholders to continue to support Pakistan in the relief and recovery efforts, including through the Pledging Conference as stated in the resolution. And as the President of the General Assembly and the Secretary-General has alluded to, we will need to do

more and now to address the challenge of climate change and to redress of problem of climate vulnerability. The COP27 at Sharm El-Sheik is thus a critical opportunity to take urgent action in this regard.

5. As a country that is grieving from its own recent tragedy at a child care facility that has taken the lives of dozens of people, most of whom were children, and that is currently also experiencing floods in many places, Thailand can empathize with the grief and hardship that many families in Pakistan must be feeling from its natural disaster.

6. From such tragedies, it is our continuing hope, Mr. President, that we, as Family of Nations, can draw renewed strength and faith in the spirit of humanitarianism and compassion so as to not only overcome the present disaster challenges but also to prepare better for future ones.

7. Thank you Mr. President.
