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Statement

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Mr. President,

Mr. Secretary-General,

1. I now wish to speak in my national capacity. In aligning with the statements made by Cuba on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, and the ASEAN statement, Thailand welcomes progress in key proposals in the OCA Report including establishment of the Youth Office and holding the Transformation Education Summit last year.

2. But the overriding focus remains, to use the words of the Secretary-General, the rescuing and turbocharging of the SDGs. So the centerpiece of our collective efforts this year is to convene a results-oriented SDGs Summit. We must regain momentum for the attainment of the SDGs and 2030 Agenda. **Because without the sustainable development, there is no future.**

3. In tandem with this, we believe that the SDGs will benefit greatly from the implementation of many of the proposals of the OCA. And we also believe in the importance of building a sustainable future for the next generation. With this conceptual thinking, Thailand believes in the connectivity between these three critical processes: the attainment of the SDGs and the 2030 Agenda, implementation of the OCA, and the Summit of the Future in 2024.

4. From this connectivity, and a recognition that these three processes can be mutually reinforcing, perhaps we should focus on the complementarities between these three processes, and zero in on initiatives that generate added value across the board. These could be called complementary drivers or catalysts.

5. Let's see some examples. To address urgent needs, such complementary drivers could be Universal Social Protection, building on universal health coverage; it could be transforming food systems, feeding the world today and tomorrow; it could be having a Global Digital Compact, as mentioned by the PGA, where enhanced digital cooperation can help attain SDGs and build a sustainable future.

6. For issues of a more systemic nature, examples of complementary drivers may include reforming the international financial system; strengthening the social contract amongst relevant parties; and strengthening international foresight to identify and prepare for black swan events.

7. And for institutional issues, we see the cross cutting benefit of promoting more systemic engagement between the UN and regional organizations and IFIs; and having a more networked UN and a UN 2.0 backed by good mega data systems, science and technology.

8. To conclude: with a complementarity mindset and a positive sum game approach, we can work together to pursue all three processes: attaining the SDGs, implementing the OCA, and preparing for an effective Summit of the Future, in a mutually reinforcing manner. Because at the end of the day, our ultimate common agenda is to rescue the SDGs which is at the heart of a sustainable future that will prepare us for over-the-time horizon challenges. And that is in all our interests.

9. In closing: if the SDGs Summit and attainment of SDGs will help us leave no one behind, then the Summit of the Future can help get everyone on board. Humanity deserves both and the OCA can be a lynchpin to help us achieve all this.

10. Thank you.
