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Mr. President,

1. The international community today is confronted with unprecedented challenges from which no country can avoid. Rising geopolitical tension in the global strategic landscape has unfortunately undermined our ability to work together in unity to maintain international peace and security. It has also hampered our progress towards promoting human security and sustainable development.

2. The Security Council is entrusted with the “primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security”. But the increasing recourse to Emergency Special Sessions of the GA and the mandate under the General Assembly resolution 76/262 reflects an unfortunate trend, and that is that polarisation has rendered the Council less able to take decisive action when needed. We thus welcome the Security Council for taking action yesterday to help save lives in the Middle East and hope that this will be followed up by further action. And let us hope that this coming together of the Council will be the rule rather than the exception.

3. Strengthening and restoring trust in multilateralism, with the United Nations at its core, is more necessary than ever. A reformed Security Council would contribute to this process.

Mr. President,

4. I wish to thank the Permanent Representatives of Austria and Kuwait, our esteemed colleagues, Alexander and Tareq, Co-Chairs of the Intergovernmental Negotiations (IGN) on Security Council Reform for their able leadership and initiatives to take forward the IGN process during the 77th Session of the General Assembly. And we look forward to further the process through this session next year.

5. Thailand remains committed to reforming the Security Council to enhance its efficiency, effectiveness, accountability, and transparency. To this end, Thailand wishes to emphasize the following four points.

6. First, a reformed Council must help renew our collective commitment to the purposes and principles of the UN Charter, as well as to the primary mandate of diplomacy and peaceful means.

7. A reformed Council, and the United Nations as a whole, must be able to cultivate greater unity, partnership and solidarity to overcome present and future global challenges, so that we can fully exercise diplomacy and peaceful means to their fullest potential. And a reformed Council should be more oriented to cultivating cooperation rather than confrontation as a means to address disputes.

8. Second, greater participation and partnership are key to a more efficient, effective, accountable, and transparent Security Council.

9. Thailand emphasizes the necessity of enhancing equitable geographical representation, cross-regional balance, and greater representation of developing countries in a reformed Council.

10. But the issue of participation should not be limited to the narrow view of enlarging membership. Rather, a reformed Council should encourage the regions and affected countries to take part in, and integrate their input and valuable recommendations for, the Council's deliberation.

11. As regions are the first to suffer the devastation of conflict as well as the first to enjoy the fruits of peace, their voices, views and concerns matter. Because every region matters.

12. We therefore welcome the Secretary-General's view in "A New Agenda for Peace" on the need for strong partnerships between the United Nations and regional organizations as critical building blocks for enhanced and more effective use of diplomacy and peaceful means.

13. The Secretary-General's idea for "new models for diplomatic engagement that can address the interests of all involved actors and deliver mutually beneficial outcomes", should reinforce strong multilateral-regional interfaces to support preventive diplomacy and conflict prevention.

14. This brings me to my third point.

15. Participation of and partnership with the regions and affected countries are only possible if they are informed.

16. Regrettably, in recent months, division and polarisation have, in some instances, barred the Council from adopting monthly programmes of work. Delays in the circulation of concept notes and list of speakers for the Council's open debate have prevented Member States from fully contributing to discussion on key agendas. The wider membership encounters difficulties in accessing timely and adequate information for them to make informed decisions.

17. So, we wish to recall, once again, that inclusive and timely information-sharing on the work of the Council is essential to enable non-Council members and regions to express their views and take part effectively in the Council's consideration.

18. Fourth and lastly, my delegation reiterates its view that adopting new perspectives to achieving “low hanging fruits” on enhancing the Council’s working methods can galvanise our collective efforts towards an early reform.

19. Throughout the IGN this year, Member States have once again expressed general agreement for the Council to (1) promote the roles of elected Council members, especially developing countries, to be entrusted with penholdership in drafting the Council’s resolutions, (2) further engage host countries, Troop and Police Contributing Countries, and other stakeholders in planning, deployment, adjusting and exit of peacekeeping missions, and (3) enhance engagement and information sharing with regional organizations and non-UNSC members. Non-permanent members have made many contributions to the Council, as mentioned by the Permanent Representative of Costa Rica.

20. We welcome the initiative of the Co-Chairs of the IGN for regular engagement with the Chair of the Informal Working Group on Documentation and Other Procedural Questions (IWG) to convey the views and proposals of the wider membership to the work of the Council.

Mr. President,

21. In closing, Thailand reaffirms its commitment to collective efforts aimed at revitalizing the Security Council, making it more responsive to the challenges of our time, and forging a path toward a peaceful, prosperous, and equitable future for all.

22. Thank you, Mr. President.
