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Statement

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Mr. Vice - President,

1. Let me thank the PGA for convening this important informal meeting and the Secretary-General for his valuable report on human security. My appreciation also goes to the Special Adviser on Human Security and to all the distinguished panelists for sharing their insights.

2. Human security, peace and stability, and sustainable development are inter-linked, mutually reinforcing. One could not be effectively achieved without the other.

3. Now the report captures many important elements: that human security is linked to key concepts such as “people-centred”, “protection and empowerment”, “risk reduction”, “prevention” and “enhancing trust”. Human Security can benefit from reinforced multilateralism and regionalism.

4. For Thailand, the key words are people-centred. Human security, in tandem with people-centered policies, can unlock synergies across stakeholders, empower people, build trust and accelerate the attainment of SDGs. Thailand is a people-centred nation. That is why we have a Ministry of Human Security.

5. In advancing human security for all, Thailand would like to underscore the following three points:

6. First, to ensure that people are at centre of our inclusive development policy, we need to localize human security to promote prevention and a stronger delivery of SDGs through a whole-of-society and whole-of-government approach.

7. On our part, Thailand’s efforts to localize human security are guided by the Sufficiency Economy Philosophy (SEP), which aims at building sustainable, resilient and inclusive communities. An example is the application of our community-based approach to disaster risk reduction and COVID-19 response.

8. Second, human security should give priority to social protection for all. Ensuring health security and promoting the right to health and access to health-care services through Universal Health Coverage is one of the measures to reduce inequality and enhance people empowerment, especially those of vulnerable groups.

9. Third, the report also points out how human security could be used as “a framework for action in addressing emerging and future challenges”. We believe that while making human security fit for new sets of challenges is important, a balanced

approach in the application of human security across peace and security, development and human rights should also be upheld.

10. To conclude: as we approach the HLPF and the Summit of the Future to review our progress on SDGs and enhance multilateralism, people-centred human security is a vital tool in helping attain peace and stability and overcoming existing and emerging challenges in attaining SDGs. Because without sustainable development, there is no future. And human security is a key catalyst to help achieve this and is thus important to our future.

11. Thank you.
