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Madam Chair,

1. Thailand thanks the Special Rapporteur for her insightful report, which underscores safety as an integral part of the right to education.

2. Thailand agrees with the report that the right to education would not be realized if learners and education workers face physical, psychological, and sexual harm both offline and online. A safe and inclusive learning environment, free from violence, discrimination, and fear, is not merely a desire but a necessity.

3. Thailand is strengthening child protection legislation. The amended Civil and Commercial Code, effective in March this year, prohibits all forms of violent disciplinary action, including corporal and psychological punishment, making Thailand the 68th state to fully prohibit corporal punishment in education. The Cabinet also approved amendments to Criminal code to combat online child sexual exploration and approved a new draft Child Protection Act to strengthen protection and support system.

4. Thailand also focuses on mental health in schools. The Ministry of Public Health has launched a training programme for teachers to enhance their capacity in identifying and responding to students' mental health needs. An application called **School Health Hero** has also been developed to monitor students at risk and enable teachers to seek online consultation.

Madam Special Rapporteur,

5. Given the persistent gap between legal prohibition and actual practice, we would welcome your insights on how states can ensure that laws translate into practical action, particularly in changing attitudes deeply rooted in different local cultures.

6. Thank you.
