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Statement

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Madam President,

1. Thailand recognizes that sport is a powerful instrument for advancing peace, development, mutual understanding, and shared prosperity.

2. We acknowledge that sport not only promotes physical fitness, mental well-being, and recreation, but also instills values such as fairness, inclusion, respect, perseverance, and teamwork. These are the very principles we collectively strive to uphold within the international community.

Madam President,

3. To further elaborate, Thailand wishes to make the following three points:

4. First, Thailand reaffirms that sport is an important catalyst in achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Beyond its direct link to good health and well-being, sport also contributes to other Sustainable Development Goals by advancing social inclusion, promoting gender equality, reducing inequalities, and fostering sustainable communities.

5. In this regard, Thailand remains committed to our National Sport Development Plan, guided by the vision “Sport to develop people, society, and drive economic prosperity.” Through this five-year plan, we are strengthening the sport industry toward inclusive and sustainable growth, leaving no one behind.

6. Second, Thailand underscores the role of sport in promoting peace and social cohesion, especially among our young generation—the agents of change, and possible future leaders.

7. In Thailand, sport effectively engages youth—including those from at-risk groups—and promotes their inclusion within the community. Notable initiatives include the use of sport to facilitate the social reintegration of juvenile offenders, as well as programs that help young people and former juvenile offenders to develop their athletic potential and pursue careers as professional athletes.

8. Third, Thailand reaffirms its commitment to further promoting development and peace through strengthening global and regional collaboration in the field of sport.

9. In less than a month, Thailand will host the 33rd Southeast Asian Games—or SEA Games—followed by the 13th ASEAN Para Games in January next year in Bangkok, Chonburi Province, and Songkhla Province, under the themes “Green SEA Games” and “Sustainable Paralympics”.

10. Thailand looks forward to showcasing regional athletic excellence while also promoting eco-friendly practices in sporting events, with an aim of becoming the most environmentally friendly host in the event’s history.

11. Thailand will focus on efficient use of resources and the minimization of environmental impact through improved waste management, clean-energy transportation, circular use of materials, reduced carbon emissions, and the development and implementation of sustainable sports venues and facilities, ensuring that sustainability is at the heart of the competition.

12. These efforts underscore Thailand’s longstanding commitment to sustainable development and highlight how sport can support this agenda to build more resilient and sustainable communities.

Madam President,

13. Sport reminds us of our shared humanity and offers an opportunity to foster our common future. Thailand will continue to play our constructive part, not only to promote sport as a key driver of development and peace, but also to uphold the values it represents—fair play, equality, teamwork, and mutual respect—as guiding principles in our international community.

14. I thank you, Madam President
