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Statement

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**at the First Meeting of an Informal Ad hoc Working Group
on the UN80 initiative**

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Co-Chairs,

1. Congratulations to both of you on your appointment as Co-Chairs of this informal Ad Hoc Working Group. And to thank you for convening this meeting.
2. Thailand aligns itself with the statement delivered by Iraq on behalf of G-77 and China, and I wish to deliver statement from our national capacity.

Co-Chairs,

3. Mandates are **the property and responsibility of Member States**. It is up to us to decide when mandates should be created, which mandates are still relevant and which mandates have become obsolete. The Secretary-General has provided thoughtful and data-driven proposals, but the choices — and the political will — lie with us.
4. This Group has only six months to deliver recommendations. Given this short time frame, we must be pragmatic and focus on what is feasible and doable from the SG report. One useful approach could be to **identify a set of quick wins** — practical measures that can be agreed upon early, such as streamlining reports and resolutions, or piloting sunset clauses. These measures could be introduced on a trial basis, before deciding on more ambitious reforms.
5. Many of the Secretary-General's proposed solutions: digital registries of mandates, shorter and clearer resolutions, streamlined reports and meetings, expiry clauses to avoid mandates continuing indefinitely, and stronger accountability for results are practical measures that could reduce duplications, free up resources, and strengthen the UN's impact.
6. But let us also be honest: reform will not succeed if it is directed only at the Secretariat. We, the **Member States, must also change our own working methods**. We are the ones who adopt more and more resolutions, who request more reports, who create overlapping mandates, and who too often instruct the UN to deliver "within existing resources." These habits have made the UN larger, more complex, and at times less efficient.

Co-Chairs,

7. The 80th anniversary of the UN is an important chance to strengthen multilateralism and show our taxpayers that this Organization can adapt, deliver, and remain relevant to the challenges of today and tomorrow.

8. To conclude, it is our responsibility to make the UN stronger and adaptable with changing times. Thailand stands ready to work with all delegations so that we can hand over a more coherent, effective, and trusted UN for generations to come.

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