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## **Statement**

by

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Agenda Item 121: Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly

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## Madam President,

- 1. Thailand aligns itself with the statement delivered by Malaysia on behalf of ASEAN and by Algeria on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement. We would also like to offer additional remarks in our national capacity.
- 2. Thailand welcomes the recent adoption by consensus of the resolution on the Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly. In this regard, we wish to extend our appreciation to Ambassador Cornel Feruță, Permanent Representative of Romania and Ambassador Mathu Joyini, Permanent Representative of the Republic of South Africa for their dedicated leadership as the Co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Working Group during the 79<sup>th</sup> Session. We stand ready to support the newly established Working Group on the Strengthening and Revitalizing of the Work of the General Assembly in its efforts to advance a more effective, responsive and people-centered United Nations.
- 3. We firmly believe that the General Assembly, with its central role as the chief deliberative, policymaking and representative organ of the United Nations, must **continue to adapt its working methods** to keep pace with our rapidly changing world. A revitalized and streamlined General Assembly is essential for addressing the complex and interlinked challenges of our time.
- 4. Thailand strongly supports ongoing **efforts to reform and modernize** the Assembly's working methods to enhance coherence, efficiency, and impact across the three pillars of the United Nations. Reducing duplication and ensuring more effective mandate delivery are key priorities, in line with the vision of the UN80 Initiative.
- 5. As part of ongoing efforts on Mandate Implementation Review under the UN80 Initiative, we stress **the pursuit of practical measures** or "quick wins" that can yield immediate progress. These include crafting shorter and clearer resolutions, piloting sunset clauses for

mandates, and harnessing digital tools to promote efficiency, accountability, and transparency.

6. We underscore, however, that the reform must advance inclusivity and equity. It must not come at the expense of developing countries but rather ensure their full participation and benefit from a stronger multilateral system.

## Madam President,

- 7. To further enhance the work of the General Assembly, Thailand stresses the importance of reinforcing synergy, coherence and complementarities between the Assembly and other bodies. We support making fuller use of the General Committee to coordinate agendas and foster cross-cutting collaboration among the Plenary and Main Committees.
- 8. Thailand, as the current Chair of the Third Committee, is committed to advancing coherence within the United Nations system and ensuring that the human dimension of development remains at the heart of our work.
- 9. To further strengthen the work of the United Nations in a more integrated manner, we also underscore the need for deeper coordination between the General Assembly and other principal and subsidiary organs of the UN. Thailand looks forward to enhanced coordination between the General Assembly and ECOSOC, and to this end, we hope the practice of the Presidents of General Assembly and ECOSOC cochairing important events and meetings could be continued. We also support closer engagement between the General Assembly and the Peacebuilding Commission, as stated in the resolution. Furthermore, we believe that stronger interlinkages among the General Assembly, ECOSOC, and Security Council will ensure that peace is built upon human security and anchored on sustainable development.

Madam President,

- 10. Thailand reaffirms the importance of promoting **gender** balance and equitable geographical representation throughout the United Nations system.
- 11. We note that no woman has yet served as Secretary-General, and encourage the nomination of qualified female candidates for this post. We also support greater representation of women in leadership positions across the United Nations, including the President of the General Assembly.

Madam President,

- 12. Thailand strongly supports strengthening of the accountability, transparency and institutional memory of your Office. In this regard, we look forward to your recommendations and stand ready to engage constructively to ensure that the Office can further enhance its mandate delivery effectively and sustainably.
- 13. To conclude, Thailand remains steadfast in its commitment to advance the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly. As we mark the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United Nations, we must seize this opportunity to reaffirm our collective resolve to strengthen multilateralism and ensure that the United Nations can adapt, deliver, and remain truly relevant to the challenges of today and tomorrow.
  - 14. I thank you, Madam President.

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