Intervention by H.E. Mr. Norachit Sinhaseni, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Thailand under agenda item 13: Pledging Event during 2013 first regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board, 7 February 2013, 10.00-13.00 hrs. at Conference Room 3

Thank you Mr. President,

Thailand and UNICEF have enjoyed a strong partnership since 1948. Since that time, UNICEF has been providing a wide range of assistance for children in Thailand in such areas as protection from violence, nutrition and healthcare. These cooperations have significantly contributed to Thailand’s realization of all child-related MDGs.

As Thailand has steadily progressed and now stands as a middle income country, UNICEF's programs in Thailand have also evolved to ensure that the benefits of Thailand’s development reach the poorest and most vulnerable children.

In view of UNICEF’s long standing contributions to children in Thailand and to the close partnership, the Thai government is committed to contributing sustained, adequate and predictable resources for UNICEF.

For the year 2013, the Thai government has contributed to UNICEF Regular Resource the following amount;

- **USD 112,500** (one hundred and twelve thousand-five hundred Dollars) and

- **Thai Baht 2,080,500** (two million and eighty thousand-five hundred Baht)
Moreover, the Ministry of Public Health and the Ministry of Education of Thailand has also contributed another **Thai Baht 2,050,000** (two million and fifty thousand Baht) to UNICEF Thailand for the year 2013.

In addition to these financial contribution, since Bangkok is host to UNICEF East Asia and Pacific Regional Office, let me assure the Executive Board of the Royal Thai government’s continued cooperation and support to the activities of UNICEF in the region.

Thailand looks forward to continuing our excellent cooperation with UNICEF.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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