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Mr. Chair

Distinguished delegates,

Thailand would like to align itself to the Statement of the ASEAN delivered by the distinguished delegate of Malaysia. Thailand also wishes to express our sincere appreciation to the report(s) of Secretary-General under this agenda.

Mr. Chair.

Thailand attaches great importance to the promotion and protection of children’s rights. We have a long-standing commitment set forth in the Convention and the Protocols to the enhancement of the status of children and the promotion and protection of the human rights of children, both at home and at the global level.

Nationally, Thailand’s National Economic and Social Development Plan has given priority to human development, including child protection and participation. Indicators such as Social Indicators, Indicators on Child and Youth Development and Indicators on Child Rights were introduced as guidelines for the effective protection of children’s rights.

With respect to the development of legal frameworks to promote the rights and development of children, broad range of policy initiatives has also been introduced to promote and protect the rights of children in Thailand. These include the formulation of national policy and strategic plans on children’s issues in line with the documents of the UN Special Session on Children “World Fit for Children”. Under the framework of “A World Fit for Children” for the period of 2007-2016, twelve thousand Thai children have participated in this policy formulation process where their views are included along with those of representatives from governmental and non-governmental agencies.

Mr. Chair,

At the international level, Thailand actively engages with the ASEAN Commission on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children or ACWC in implementing ACWC Work
Plan for 2012-2016 to ensure the ASEAN efforts on promotion and protection of rights of children. As UNICEF Executive Board, Thailand aims to fulfill this task and enhance our cooperation among UNICEF and all Member States in interested areas particularly in delivery of services in humanitarian situations and universal access to healthcare services for children.

Mr. Chair,

At the current session of the UNGA, Thailand will submit the draft resolution titled "Strengthening collaboration on child protection within the UN system" which was adopted in the UNGA by consensus in 2011. The draft resolution is a continuing effort to supplement and enhance collaboration among the existing United Nations child protection mechanisms with its full respect to the independence of their mandates. This year, the draft resolution is aimed to enhance technical assistance and capacity building for UN child protection projects on the ground which match the needs of states while placing interest of children at heart. Thailand is looking forward to having constructive discussion and continued supports from Member States in this endeavour.

We thank you.

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