Thailand’s Statement
at the Informal Consultation on the Second Cluster
of “Our Common Agenda”
under the theme “Accelerating the SDGs through sustainable finance and building trust”
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(3 minutes)

1. Thailand aligns itself with the Statement made by Pakistan on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

2. First, Thailand believes in the importance of listening and engaging with people and stakeholders in the development of policy, especially those that relate to their future. Thailand thus adheres to a whole-of-society approach as it seeks to pursue sustainable development and other people-centred policies. That is why key legislative bills require nation-wide popular consultations, for example.

3. Second, Thailand supports the development of Beyond-GDP indicators, especially those that will focus on benchmarking progress in sustainable development and inclusive growth. We hope that the UN Statistical Commission, in coordination with other agencies, especially the UNDP, could develop such measures of progress for consideration and take into account the human development index among others.

4. Third, Thailand is supportive of exploring a global code of conduct that promotes integrity in public information among all stakeholders through a conversation facilitated by the United Nations, in view of rapid advances in digital technology and the use of the Internet. At the same time, it is also important to bridge the digital divide within and among nations.
5. *Fourth*, with the chorus of voices underscoring the crisis of widening economic, financial and development gaps amongst countries and hearing the calls by the Secretary-General for reform of the global financial architecture, Thailand supports reinvigorating efforts at global level to **build a fairer tax system, channel concessional finance to countries most in need, and ramp up** financing for development. These will help close such gaps, tackle debt **vulnerabilities, and ensure sustainable debt management**, so that developing countries can get back on track to attaining the SDGs, paying particular attention to LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS.

6. *Fifth*, as the private sector plays a critical role in **sustainable and inclusive** recovery, growth and development, Thailand supports efforts to develop new business models that **embed Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) principles and sustainability approaches** into business practices and support the attainment of the SDGs. In this connection, Thailand is pursuing a Bio-Circular-Green (BCG) Economy Model to promote sustainable development that is both people-centred and in harmony with nature, as a model for both the public and private sectors. **As APEC Host 2022, Thailand will work together with our business community to promote Responsible Business Conduct (RBC) in the Asia-Pacific region and beyond.**

7. *Finally*, Thailand believes in the importance of partnerships in addressing not only current problems but future ones. In this connection, Thailand supports the proposal for Biennial Summit involving the G20, ECOSOC, international financial institutions and the Secretary-General that we hope would strengthen coherence in **coordinating the exit strategy from the pandemic**, boost recovery and create synergies in efforts to address challenges, **whether climate change, debt, or inflation.**

8. Thank you.