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Mr. President,

Bhutan welcomes the accelerated efforts of the Government of Thailand, particularly in regard to its National Economic and Social Development Plans, which are developed, based on the principles of Sufficiency Economy and with a focus on the grassroots people. The policy of Sufficiency Economy is similar to Bhutan's development concept of Gross National Happiness, which strives to achieve a balance between material and spiritual well being.

Bhutan also commends Thailand for playing an active role in the regional mechanisms such as the ASEAN to address the implementation of human rights obligations.

While nothing the challenges reflected in its national report, Bhutan would like to recommend Thailand to:

1. Continue with its efforts to address the widening inequality and unbalanced distribution of income among people and,
2. Accelerate its efforts to achieve the targets on reducing infant mortality rate and achieving universal health care scheme, including improving of the maternal health in remote areas.

I thank you, Mr. President.