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**Statement of H.E. Mr. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser,
President of the 66th Session of the General Assembly,
on the lives lost to floods in Thailand, Cambodia and other South East
Asian countries**

Statement attributable to the spokesperson for the President of the General Assembly

The President of the General Assembly, H.E. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser, has expressed his deep sympathies, sadness and concern over the loss of hundreds of lives in Thailand, Cambodia and neighbouring South-East Asian nations, as a result of widespread flooding.

It is now believed that heavy floods have claimed the lives of hundreds of lives across the affected areas and left millions of people displaced and badly affected, especially in Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, the Philippines and Viet Nam.

President Al-Nasser commends the various UN agencies, funds and programmes, as well as the Member States who are offering much needed support to the affected countries and communities.

The subject of “Improving Disaster Prevention and Response” remains one of key focus areas for the 66th Session of General Assembly, and the President urges all Member States to do more to enhance the resilience and capacity of communities for dealing with major disasters.