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Statement

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Mr. Chair,

1. I would like to thank you and the Committee for organizing this Open Briefing.
2. As we mark the 20th anniversary of its adoption, UNSC resolution 1540 remains a key instrument in global efforts to counter the proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMDs) and related materials to non-State actors.
3. Thailand is steadfast in its commitment to the principles outlined in this resolution, and wishes to highlight three key points:
4. First, effective domestic implementation requires strong political will.
5. Thailand takes a whole-of-government approach to implement Resolution 1540, ensuring comprehensive inter-agency coordination. We have enacted national legislations to strengthen effective export control, including on dual-use items, and developed the Standard Operating Procedures for dealing with suspicious transfer of such items by sea, land and air.
6. Second, regional partnerships are crucial.
7. In Southeast Asia, ASEAN is committed to preserving the region “as a Nuclear Weapon-Free Zone and free of all other WMDs”.
8. As the Depositary State of the Treaty on the Southeast Asia Nuclear Weapon-Free Zone or the Bangkok Treaty, Thailand is committed to preventing WMD proliferation and building trust and confidence in the region.
9. Our efforts include co-chairing the ASEAN Regional Forum Inter-Sessional Meeting on Non-Proliferation and Disarmament alongside the United States and Sri Lanka from 2022 to 2024, co-hosting the Proliferation Security Initiative (PSI) Southeast Asia Regional Workshops with the United States in 2023 and November 2024, and co-hosting the “UNSCR 1540 (2004) Workshop for ASEAN States” with the UNODA and Japan in Bangkok in 2022.
10. Lastly, Resolution 1540 is a global agenda.

11. As emphasised in the *Pact for the Future*, we must work together to prevent WMD acquisition by non-State actors. Thailand has actively participated in Resolution 1540 Open Consultations and capacity-building activities, including 1540 Points of Contact Workshops, and remains committed to international frameworks such as the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism.

Mr. Chair,

12. UNSC Resolution 1540 is essential for global security, helping to prevent the devastation that WMDs could unleash. Thailand reaffirms its commitment to this collective goal, and ultimately to the complete elimination of nuclear weapons and all other WMDs -- the only true safeguard for humanity.

Thank you.

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