

Intervention
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to the United Nations
on the Report of the field visit to Thailand by members
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Madam Chair,

1. Children are everything: our priority, our trust, our future. So Thailand thanks the **UNICEF Executive Board**, the **UNICEF Country Office** in Thailand and the **UNICEF Secretariat** team for making the field visit to my country a successful one. It provided opportunities for **constructive engagement** between the Executive Board members and relevant Thai agencies and authorities, both at **national and local levels**, as well as other **partners and civil society organizations** working on the ground.

2. We would also like to thank the Executive Board for their **comprehensive report**, which is based on useful **facts and statistics** about the situation of children on the ground. The report not only captured the **achievements and progress** made but also identified **areas for further improvement** to guide us in future areas such as **green skills development** and **preparation for ageing society**. The information, **observations and recommendations**, contained therein will certainly be helpful for Thailand to **shape our future work and cooperation** with various partners and stakeholders as well as the UNICEF.

3. Thailand also appreciates that the report has reflected our **willingness, commitment, and policies** which we have implemented in order to advance the promotion and protection of children's rights. We look forward to exploring ways to incorporate the **forward-looking observations and recommendations** provided in the report into our policies, including the recommendations on **human capital development** and **expansion of social protection for children** in all aspects of children's rights, including **health** for all children. Thailand will engage further with our partners as well as the UNICEF on these matters.

4. Finally, Thailand **stands ready** to share, with interested countries and partners, our experience in working and partnering both with the UNICEF and other multi-stakeholders to further advance children's rights in the country and beyond.

5. Thank you.
