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Excellency, Mr. Chair, Ministers, Distinguished delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Minister of Defence of the Kingdom of Thailand, General Prawit Wongsuwan, I am indeed honored to be here to inform you of the progress and success on Thailand's implementation which was pledged by the Thai Prime Minister, General Prayuth Chan-O-cha, at the Leaders' Summit on Peacekeeping in September 2015, New York, USA where Thailand pledged to contribute developmental high capability engineering unit, field hospital, staff officers and our cooperation to provide training and capacity building to the peacekeepers.

Distinguished delegates,

Since September 2015, it has been Thailand's earnest and continued commitment to turn the pledges into substantial achievement. Currently, Thailand's Horizontal Engineer Company has been deployed to South Sudan since December 2018 and the second rotation is ready for deployment in the upcoming months. With the endorsement of the United Nations, our Level-Two Field Hospital has been registered at level three of the United Nations' Peacekeeping Capability Readiness System since February 2019. Ladies and Gentlemen, I am delighted to announce here that Thailand determines to contribute one more Engineer Company to the peacekeeping mission in the near future and will increase a contribution of staff officers and military observers as well.

With regard to training and capacity development, Thailand has closely collaborated and exchanged instructors with ASEAN countries in conducting the United Nations Staff Officer Course which is recognized by the United Nations. In addition, Thailand's support to and collaboration with the United Nations' Triangular Partnership Project, that is operating in the Region to enhance engineering capability, is being studied and planned. Thailand is also working with the Office of Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict to establish regional course in Children and Armed Conflict. Moreover, Thailand is ready to host international course in peacekeeping conducted by the United Nations such as the United Nations National Planner Course. In upcoming April, Thailand will host the annual conference and meeting of the Association of Asia-Pacific Peace Operations Training Centers having more than twenty countries in the Asia-Pacific region attended.

It is also Thailand's commitment to support the agendas that are crucial to successful peacekeeping. On Women, Peace and Security, Thailand has encouraged and provided opportunities for female personnel. Nowadays, Thailand is having a privilege to possess large amount of female instructors in peacekeeping and will increase female participation in the contingent in the future. The prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuses and Human Rights Violations is also emphasized. Our peacekeepers will unconditionally comply with such international norms and standards.

To conclude, let me congratulate the United Nations and its staffs for successfully organizing this meeting. May I assure you of Thailand's commitment to support the cause of peace and peacekeeping operations. We will continue to adapt and enhance our roles and capacities to suit current developments in peacekeeping and field requirements. Thank you

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