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Statement
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Mr. Chair,

1. Thailand wishes to congratulate you and other members of the Bureau on your election. My delegation is confident that the 55th session of the Commission of Population and Development will be successful under your leadership.

2. Thailand sees population development as interlinked with three important processes: (1) sustained and inclusive economic growth, (2) efforts to build back better and greener, particularly in light of COVID-19 pandemic, and (3) policies to accelerate implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

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10. Life-long learning and decent social protection for all are indispensable to keeping our societies productive and active and to ensuring that no one is left behind in the pursuit of sustainable development.

11. That is why Thailand supports the idea of providing social protection for all as suggested in the Secretary-General's Our Common Agenda, building on promoting Universal Health Coverage (UHC).

12. Third **Third Human Development Plan 2022 - 2027** to strengthen demographic structure management and promote quality human development in collaboration with all sectors nationwide.

13. In particular, the plan will focus on capacity-building at the local level. This will help ensure human development beginning at the grassroots level as well as a more empowered population. Our aim is to generate a development process that remains inclusive.

14. In closing, Thailand reiterates its determination to work with the international community and stakeholders to **further advance human security and population development**, including through the **implementation of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) Programme of Action**.

15. Our ultimate goal remains unchanged: and that is the pursuit of sustained and inclusive economic growth and sustainable development where all have a part to play, and no one is left behind.

16. Thank you.