

**INTERVENTION BY H.E. MR. VIRACHAI PLASAI,
AMBASSADOR AND PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE KINGDOM OF THAILAND TO THE UNITED
NATIONS, ON BEHALF OF THE GROUP OF 77 AND
CHINA, AFTER THE ADOPTION OF
INTERGOVERNMENTALLY AGREED CONCLUSIONS
AND RECOMMENDATIONS AT THE INAUGURAL
ECOSOC FORUM ON FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT
FOLLOW-UP (New York, 20 April 2016)**

Mr. President,

The Group wishes to reiterate that it has been stressing all along how this forum is crucial to the Group. Indeed, we had hoped for **a substantive outcome document** which reflects elements from all action areas of AAAA in a balance manner. Nevertheless, the outcome document fails to deliver on our substantive aspiration. We also wish to stress that the Group has **consistently and constructively participated in the drafting process** of the outcome document with **good will and utmost flexibility** despite the fact that the Group's proposals to include substantive elements were rejected outright early in the process. We therefore urge a change of mindset and a more open mind that will not hinder future discussions on the FfD Follow-up process.

Due to the reasons mentioned above, we stress tha10.6(e(s)-9.3(s)]TJ 95(ce)-c5(s)-9.555555