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**Thailand's Statement
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Agenda Item 7: UNIDO's response to the COVID-19 pandemic

Madam President,

1. The Thai delegation aligns itself with the statement of the Group of 77 and China under this agenda item and wishes to add the following remarks in our national capacity.
2. Thailand takes note of the report of Director General on UNIDO's response to the COVID-19 pandemic which presents the Organisation's untiring efforts and contribution to the joint response of the United Nations system, prepared and implemented by the UN Country Team, to mitigate the impact of the ongoing pandemic to the Member States. We also appreciate UNIDO's service delivery in this difficult time.
3. This prolonged crisis has deepened the negative impacts on Thailand's industries, manufacturing firms, SMEs, and workers in various sectors. The small-size firms are the most suffered segments from this crisis. Thailand appreciates UNIDO's various specific activities in response to COVID-19 crisis such as surveying of manufacturing firms, launch of COVID-19 Industrial Recovery Programme, and provide Guidance for MSMEs, including on business continuity and recovery.
4. Thailand also welcomes an update to the UNIDO framework "Responding to the crisis: building a better future" in the second half of 2021, defining UNIDO's service offered for the period after the immediate health crisis subsides, as a more relevant plan to respond to the recovery efforts of the Member States. The Office of the National Economic and Social Development Board of Thailand will continue the work in collaboration with UNIDO under the Partnership for Action

on Green Economy (PAGE), focusing on the green and inclusive recovery projects in the new normal.

5. We look forward to supporting UNIDO in any efforts contributing to the recovery of the fellow Member States either through south-south or triangular cooperation.

I thank you.
