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Mr. Chair,

1. Thailand aligns itself with the statements delivered on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) and ASEAN.

2. Thailand wishes to speak on a subject of great importance to us: the issue of **cybersecurity**. ICT is extrinsically linked to every aspect of our lives, while its impact on global affairs continues to grow. Cybersecurity threats are not just a danger to international peace and security – but also to humanity. As we have seen during the pandemic, it is important to protect our **critical infrastructures (CI) and critical information infrastructures (CII)**, particularly healthcare facilities, against malicious cyber activities. Urgent attention is thus required to ensure that everyone can safely and fairly enjoy the benefits of ICT.

3. We believe that **the Group of Governmental Experts (GGE) and the Open-ended Working Group (OEWG)** complement each other and present essential platforms to strengthen cooperation and engage on the issue of cybersecurity.

4. In particular, Thailand welcomes the adoption, by consensus, of the previous OEWG's report, which provides further elaboration on the **voluntary, non-binding norms of responsible State behaviour**. We fully adhere to these norms and believe that **assistance through capacity-building** is key to enable Member States with different levels of capacity to effectively uphold them. Thailand therefore urges those in the position to do so to provide capacity-building in a transparent manner.

5. Nonetheless, as divergence in views remains, it is best that we exert flexibilities with an aim to forge mutual understanding and pave the way forward during the **2021 – 2025 OEWG**. Thailand will render its full support to the OEWG, which is scheduled to hold its First Substantive Meeting in December.

Mr. Chair,

6. We stress the need to strengthen multilateral cooperation to keep pace with the rapidly evolving security landscape, including developments in cyber space. We thus believe that **confidence-building Measures (CBMs)** are critical tools for promoting trust and preventing conflicts. On our part, Thailand will continue to work with

fellow ASEAN Member States to establish CBMs at the regional level, and encourage this practice at a global scale.

7. In this connection, we **reaffirm our commitment to the disarmament machinery**. We encourage synergy between the General Assembly and the Security Council on non-proliferation and disarmament, and support revitalizing the **Conference on Disarmament (CD)** and the **UN Disarmament Commission (UNDC)**. We would also like to emphasize the importance of the **equal participation of women** in the disarmament machinery.

8. In addition, Thailand recognizes the important **role of regional organizations in forging trust and cooperation**. To this end, ASEAN will continue to uphold a rules-based regional order and strengthen engagement within the region and with ASEAN's external partners. We also reaffirm our support for the UN Regional Centres for Peace and Disarmament, as well as in the innovative work of the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research.

Mr. Chair,

9. In closing, Thailand remains supportive of the **Secretary-General's Agenda for Disarmament**, which provides useful guidance for promoting disarmament, including the re-emphasis of effective partnerships. It is critical that we view the issues of disarmament in a holistic manner, and prioritize this shared responsibility as a matter of utmost urgency.

I thank you.
