Mr. President,

Thailand is proud to have served as Co-Chair of the Standing Committee for Resources, Cooperation and Assistance for the past two years. Thailand believes that it is timely we seriously revisit cooperation and assistance issues and strive to address the challenges facing international cooperation and assistance.

We are pleased to witness the establishment of the “Platform for Partnership” as an information exchange tool of the breadth of available assistance in humanitarian mine action. We do hope that State Parties will continue to utilize this tool as a platform for partnership and put it into action with tangible outcomes.

We wish to encourage every country to contribute in any way it can and under its capacity in order to fulfill the objectives of the Convention. All of us should strive to do our part in achieving a mine-free and zero-victim world. We would also like to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation to the donor countries that have consistently rendered their assistance and cooperation to Thailand during the past few years.

To conclude, Mr. Chairman, we wish to reiterate that in order to move forward, we do need to find ways to address the issue of resources mobilization and management by going beyond mere expression of commitments. Thailand stands ready to work with you and other States Parties to strengthen our collective efforts on cooperation and assistance.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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