

**Statement by
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Mr. President of the Executive Board,
Madame Director-General of UNESCO,
Distinguished Executive Board Members,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

For over 65 years, Thailand has followed and supported UNESCO's efforts to pursue its mission of building peace in the minds of men and women. Now, the Director-General's report on the budgetary situation of the Organization for 2014-2015 shows again UNESCO's commitment to broaden the range of its activities, and to enhance its effectiveness in an extremely challenging budgetary situation. We would like to commend UNESCO's efforts to mobilize resources from partners through the "Sharpened Resource Mobilization Strategy" on key programme priorities. This will continue to ensure UNESCO's impact and relevance.

We are now at the critical stage of shaping future global education agenda. Thailand strongly supports UNESCO in continuing and preserving the themes and programmes that are central to its mission, and, particularly, in its leadership role regarding global education agenda. We trust that

UNESCO will continue to provide technical support for the implementation and monitoring of the post 2015 education agenda.

Thailand reaffirms its commitment to support the development of a strong future education agenda, which will contribute to peaceful and sustainable development. Last August, Thailand was proud and pleased to host and work with UNESCO in organizing the Asia-Pacific Regional Conference on Education in Bangkok. Its fruitful outcome was the Bangkok Statement which will shape and guide the region's learning sector over the next 15 years. The Bangkok Statement will be one of the main regional contributions to the World Education Forum in the Republic of Korea next year. However, in pursuing the post 2015 education agenda we must not overlook the unfinished EFA agenda. We must bear in mind that the post-2015 education agenda cannot be fully realized unless and until all people can access to quality education.

In parallel with EFA goals, Thailand continues to work with UNESCO in promoting sustainable development. We expect that the post-2015 education agenda will be based on the successful results of the UNESCO World Conference on Education for Sustainable Development held in Japan in 2014 and the World Education Conference held in Republic of Korea in 2015

In addition to education, we are working with UNESCO in science and technology as a driving force to facilitate sustainable development in countries around the world. We also promote ICT in education; enhanced

social and human sciences to facilitate social transformation and inclusion; inter-cultural dialogue to protect our heritage; and programmes to foster creativity and sustainable peace.

Mr. President

Ladies and Gentlemen,

As Thailand joins, and becomes increasingly involved, in regional and global communities, it will become necessary to improve its competitiveness and to develop the capabilities, skills, and expertise of its people to ensure that they can comfortably adapt to changing and future roles as global citizens.

We continue to focus on improving education quality and encourage the development of systematic thinking in learners, while at the same time instilling strong moral and ethical values, and a sense of loyalty and patriotism. We also encourage our citizens to preserve their Thai identity and traditional values and to live together with others in peace and harmony.

On a final note, I reaffirm Thailand's support of UNESCO in working for a sustainable, equitable and peaceful future.

Thank you very much.