

**Statement by H.E. Mr. Virachai Plasai,
Permanent Representative of Thailand to the United Nations,
for the “High-Level Meeting on the Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse”
on 18 September 2017, Trusteeship Council Chamber, UNHQ, New York**

Thailand expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General for hosting this High-Level Meeting and drawing attention to this issue at the high-level. The need to promote the international community's collective commitment against sexual exploitation and abuse has never been more pressing.

Thailand has consistently expressed its support for the effective implementation of the “zero tolerance policy” forwarded by successive Secretary-Generals on this issue. We continue to stand in solidarity with the international community as those same principles now underpin the draft Compact. We understand and support the need to enhance the ability of the United Nations and Member States to monitor sexual exploitation and abuse and hold wrongdoers accountable.

Thailand already has in place a solid policy and internal legal framework to prevent and punish sexual exploitation and abuse by our personnel. In that spirit, we appreciate the latest revision of the draft Compact and will continue our discussion on the technical aspects of this issue. This should enable us to sign the draft Compact in a near future and to implement it comprehensively and effectively. Whatever the form it may take, let me assure you that our commitment to fighting sexual exploitation and abuse will not waiver.

Thank you.
