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Mr. President,

I would like to congratulate you for your able leadership and guidance on the work of the Board. I would also like to take this opportunity to express our profound appreciation to the Administrator Helen Clark and her team for the excellent work that they have been doing to support development in the developing countries. We would like to join others to thank the Administrator for her comprehensive presentation that outline the achievements and challenges that remained to be addressed.

My delegation associates itself with the statement made by distinguished representative of the Kingdom of Thailand on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Mr. President,

My delegation acknowledges the enormous efforts and achievements made by UNDP in helping developing countries realized the MDGs, especially on poverty eradication. UNDP is currently assisting the developing countries to attain SDGs that aim to leave no one behind. We encourage UNDP to continue to work hard to make the strategic plan for 2014-2017 a reality in helping countries achieve the simultaneous eradication of poverty and significant reduction of inequalities and exclusion.

Mr. President,

Unexploded ordnance is one of the great challenges to development in my country. We express our sincere appreciation to UNDP for cooperation and assistance in addressing this issue. We highly appreciate the presence of Mr. Secretary General Ban Ki-moon at the launching of the localized SDGs 18 entitled "Lives safe from UXO" just held yesterday in my capital. This has shown the commitment of UNDP to help save lives and development in my country.

Mr. President,

The report of the annual review of the financial situation demonstrates that total UNDP revenue in 2015 dropped by 4 per cent and the contribution to core resources decreased by 11 per cent. If

this trend continues it will pose great challenge to the UNDP's ability to carry out its mandates on the ground. We note with appreciation that the agency has made enormous efforts to raise funds, including the creation of funding windows as a mean to attract more fund and flexibility. We would like to urge major donors to continue to honor their commitment and increase contributions to the organization's resource.

However, imbalance between core and non-core funding with the core funding is on decline continues to be a concern to my delegation. Prioritizing of resources earmarked for specific programmes negatively impacts the implementation of operational activities of development programmes at country level. In this regard, my delegation would like to call for enhancing flexibility of non-core resources. We are pleased that some donors continue to make significant contribution to UNDP's core resource and we encourage countries in a position to do so to consider to do the same. This is because stable, adequate and predictable core resources are critical for the UNDP to effectively and efficiently deliver its mandates, including the implementation of the 2030 agenda for sustainable development that aims to leave no one behind.

In conclusion, my delegation highly values the work of UNDP. We assure you, Mr. President, of our full support and contribute constructively for the successful work of this session.

I thank you, Mr. President.