

## Official Statement

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Excellencies,

Ladies and Gentlemen.

My delegation wishes to support the statement made by the distinguished representative of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations

We would like to congratulate and thank UNDRR and the Government of Switzerland for hosting this important event. This platform provides us an opportunity to reaffirm our commitments towards the effective implementation of the Sendai Framework and other important global development agenda such as Sustainable Development Goals and the Paris Agreement.

Thailand focuses on a timely and effective disaster risk management. We have developed National Disaster Risk Management Plan and National Adaptation Plan and encouraged local communities to develop and implement their own strategies. Hence, we are on track to achieve the Target E of the Sendai Framework by 2020 even though much work remain to be done.

We have been promoting multi-stakeholder engagement in DRR. Private sector, academia and media have been working with public authorities on disaster management. Moreover, several MoUs have been signed between Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation and relevant agencies to better coordinate and collaborate on DRR issues.

Making cities and communities resilient against natural disasters is our main agenda. To this end, Thailand has made efforts to pursue an area-based development. We have conducted several Community-based Disaster Risk Management (CBDRM) programmes.

We have taken measures to improve our multi-hazard early warning systems from which our people on the ground can truly benefit and can better prepare themselves against any kind of disasters.

Despite our achievements, we do recognize that challenges remain. Among others, we still need to improve our data collection and analysis, to improve the effectiveness of risk management. We still need capacity building on developing disaster-related indicators so that we can work appropriately to achieve the international targets.

In closing, Thailand remains strongly committed and stand ready to work with all member states and the UN agencies and all partners to advance DRR agenda towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that leaves no one behind.

I thank you.

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