

**Statement by H.E. Mr. Vitavas Srivihok**  
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**At the ECOSOC High-level Segment**  
**“Multilateralism after COVID-19: What kind of UN do we need**  
**at the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary?”**  
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Thank you Madam President,

1. As the United Nations approaches its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Thailand reaffirms our full commitment to multilateralism, and to the United Nations that is **responsive, inclusive, integrated, and strengthened.**

2. First, the pandemic has underlined that we need a UN that is agile and **responsive** to the ever-changing global context and challenges facing its Member States.

3. Thailand has supported this vision by contributing to the Secretary-General’s **COVID-19 Response and Recovery Trust Fund**. We will continue to work with UN agencies at all levels to build back better and achieve a sustainable and resilient recovery.

4. Second, an effective UN must also be **inclusive**. The needs and interests of all countries, particularly countries in special situations, must be taken into account.

5. We must also continue to pursue a whole-of-society approach to implement the 2030 Agenda, by further empowering all stakeholders, including **women, youth,**

**persons with disabilities**, and **elderly**. Furthermore, we also support and promote the role of **volunteers**, **local governments** and **local communities** who have contributed significant impact on the ground.

6. Third, we need a UN that is more **integrated**-horizontally and vertically. The UN needs to eliminate silos, and further integrate the work of its regional commissions, functional commissions, specialised agencies, and funds and programmes. A more integrated UN will be better placed to address future crises and emergencies of multi-faceted nature like COVID-19.

7. Lastly, Thailand is committed to contributing to a **strengthened** UN, as the central platform for global cooperation. We need, more than ever, global solidarity and cooperation, forged through multilateralism, to combat this crisis without leaving anyone behind. Member States must strengthen the UN to fulfill this role.

8. Thailand stands ready to work with all Member States, the UN system, and all stakeholders to achieve the UN we need in this “new normal” world.

9. I thank you.

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