

Thailand's Statement by Young MP for General Debate during the 148th IPU Assembly (Theme: Parliamentary Diplomacy: Building bridges for peace and understanding)

**Mr./Madam President,
My Esteemed colleagues,**

1. Against the backdrop of escalating conflicts and fragile global peace, Thailand firmly believes that now is the time for parliamentary diplomacy to pursue our common agenda for peace, prosperity and sustainability for all, in the spirit of multilateralism and solidarity.
2. As for our foreign policies, Thailand has long pursued peaceful and collaborative relations with all members of the international community. We believe that long lasting peace can be achieved if we can strengthen our multilateral relations that is based on mutual trust, understanding and respect.
3. And as the **ASEAN** Coordinator on Sustainable Development Cooperation, Thailand is convinced that there can be no peace without sustainable development. This is why we will continue to work with the international community to put the SDGs back on track through global partnerships in promoting enduring peace through development.
4. Also, we fully support the ASEAN's collective efforts for diplomacy, de-escalation, and peaceful means to achieve sustained peace in the region, including the situation in **Myanmar**. As an immediate neighbour, it is in Thailand's vital interest to see a quick return to peace, reconciliation and stability in Myanmar. The Thai parliament thus welcomes our government's recent initiative to establish "humanitarian corridors" along Thailand-Myanmar border to upscale humanitarian assistance in accordance with the key humanitarian principles without politicization.
5. Finally, I wish to reaffirm Thailand's commitment to support the agendas of the IPU, be they peace and security, development, climate change management, commitments to democracy and human rights, and the promotion of partnerships between stakeholders at all levels. Our young MPs are determined to work closely with all nations and partners, through parliamentary diplomacy, to meet these challenges head on.

Thank you, Mr./Madam President.
