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## **Statement**

by

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Mr. Chair,

Thailand associates itself with the statement made by Iran on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement.

Criminal accountability is a fundamental component of adherence to the rule of law. It requires that all persons be held accountable for their actions, regardless of their role or Thailand would like to thank the Secretary-General for his report on this agenda item. The information submitted by Member States as well as the information on the Secretariat activities is indispensable for member states to understand the situation on the ground. Our appreciation also goes to the UN efforts in providing technical advice and support to Member States in revising their domestic laws to allow for the necessary investigation and prosecution. We also support the existing pre-deployment and in

Mr. Chair,

My delegation further encourages the Secretary-General to exercise his discretion justly and reasonably in waiving immunity where such immunity could impede the course of justice.

In conclusion, Thailand commends the vast majority of UN officials and experts on missions. Their dedication and sacrifice in maintaining world peace and security and in promoting the transition from conflict to relief and development cannot be stressed enough. We wish to express our sincere appreciation to their sacrifices and valuable contribution towards the fulfillment of the principles enshrined in the UN Charter.

Thank you.