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1. Thailand is honored to be part of the World Humanitarian Summit. This important event provides a great opportunity to reconfirm our commitment to humanity and taking action to meet increasing demand before us.
2. We are committed to **Core Commitment 1**, Thailand has in place the 2015 National Disaster Prevention and Mitigation Plan consisting of concrete steps to implement the Sendai Framework on Disaster Risk Reduction and all major processes for Sustainable Development. Our newly drafted 12th National Economic and Social Development Plan also puts the SDGs at its heart. In addition, Thailand is in the process of developing a National Action Plan for Climate Resilience in accordance with the Paris Agreement under UNFCCC.
3. Thailand is also committed to **Core Commitment 2**. Our new Disaster Risk Management Plan is aimed to systematically structure both national and local response capacities. In particular, the DRM Plan stipulates the concepts of integrated emergency management, disaster loss and impact analysis, and 'Building back better' at its core.
4. As for **Core Commitment 3**, Thailand constantly develops our early warning system making of use both local knowledge and high technology. We invest in Community-Based-Disaster-Risk-Management Programme. With that programme and the support of concerned government agencies, local communities are key in incorporating 'low-tech' solutions such as village based river gauges and 'high-tech' solutions such as space technology and geo-informatics for disaster reduction. These streams of data contribute to effective early warning and mitigation activities.
5. In line with **Core Commitment 4**, Thailand has developed a gender-responsive guideline for disaster and crisis management. It raises awareness on gender equality and women's participation in all levels of decision-making. We commit to ensuring that our disaster management is inclusive of women and caters to the specific needs of women and girls as well as other vulnerable groups.
6. Last, but not least, Thailand is committed to **Core Commitment 5** to work with the international community to provide support to affected countries. We share responsibility and vision to humanity, as mentioned. Thailand supports international and local disaster managers to meet and discuss the way they will work together before the next disaster.

Within our region, "One ASEAN One Response" is our strategy to achieve a timely, efficient and predictable response. Together we aim to mobilize greater resources and establish stronger coordination to ensure ASEAN's collective resilience to disasters. **Specifically, we have committed to strengthening ASEAN's mechanisms** to bring together different sectors and stakeholders to ensure speed, scale, and solidarity in responding to large-scale natural disasters.

In conclusion, Thailand stands with our partners around the world and recommits our respect for international humanitarian law, and to improving our shared systems to meet the challenges of the coming decade. We can think of no task more important.
