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99. **Mr. Wattanayakorn** (Thailand), speaking as a youth delegate, said that his statement echoed the thoughts of young Thais who had shared their concerns and ideas on social development via an online platform. They emphasized three of the five “Ps” from the People’s Agenda: people; planet and partnership. People, as the foundation of the society, should be empowered through quality education, which would enhance their lives and enable them to contribute to the society in a positive way. Education should not be just for the young. Governments should foster lifelong learning for the development of digital, health and legal literacy as well as skills development and training for [*15*] the labour market for people of all ages and without discrimination. With respect to the planet, environmental protection of natural resources on land, under water and in the air was crucial for future generations. Unbalanced development in the past had triggered a vicious cycle of degradation, climate change, hunger and poverty, and inequality and conflicts.

100. **Ms. Tawinboom** (Thailand), speaking as a youth delegate, said that a prime example of partnership was the successful rescue operation of the youth football team from Chiang Rai province in Thailand thanks to the incredible efforts of government and private sector experts as well as the media and individual volunteers from Thailand and around the world. That effort epitomized the spirit of humanity and dedication and was a source of inspiration to people all over the world.

101. Young people in Thailand hoped to build a culture of partnership and volunteerism at home and abroad. They believed that volunteerism could be a powerful and cross-cutting way of implementing the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development, enhancing interaction between Governments and people for concrete and scalable actions and facilitating networking and broad partnerships.

