Closing Remarks
by Ms. Churairat Sangboonnum
Deputy Permanent Secretary for Education,
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Excellencies,
Dr. Tang Qian, UNESCO Assistant Director-General
for Education,
Dr. Gwang-Jo Kim, Director, UNESCO Bangkok
Mr. Svein Ottsveit, UNESCO Paris
Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Government of Thailand, I would like to express my appreciation to UNESCO, Bangkok and UNICEF for co-organizing this event with us and to other supporting agencies for their kind contribution. I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to all the distinguished Ministers and Delegates for your invaluable inputs to the Framework for Action on Education beyond 2015. My thanks are also extended to Dr. Gwang-Jo Kim for your kind proposal to refer to this Framework as the “Bangkok Statement”.

There has been an extensive consideration of the EFA movement regarding the lessons learned, EFA achievements and challenges. Together, we have identified what will be expected from
education beyond 2015. And, certainly, we have our joint communiqué with recommendations for education post-2015. This will serve as our regional contributions to the World Education Forum 2015, at Incheon, in the Republic of Korea.

On this occasion, I am honored to represent the Thai Ministry of Education to address to all of you here before the Conference is drawing to a successful conclusion. Thanks to our joint efforts, our Conference has achieved its objectives. Although our work here is completed, I am sure you will all leave with much food for thought. This is just the beginning of our education beyond 2015 agenda. We still have a long way to go and many important tasks still lie ahead of us all.

Again, I would like to thank you all for your respective contributions, hard work, and participation. Before you leave Thailand, however, I hope you will have time to look around Bangkok and Thailand. I am sure that you will be able to experience true Thai hospitality and some of the attractions that make Thailand one of the most popular and unique tourist destinations in the world.

No doubt many of us will meet again at the World Education Forum 2015, at Incheon, in the Republic of Korea, next year. For now, it remains for me to wish all of you a very safe journey back home.

Thank you.