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MONSIEUR DAG HAMMARSKJOLD

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Mr. Secretary-General

Your Royal Highness, Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

The toast which I have now to propose is that of the United Nations Secretary-General, His Excellency Mr. Dag Hammarskjold, to whom I have great pleasure in extending on behalf of the Government and people of Thailand, the heartiest possible welcome both in his official capacity and personally.

I have a double pleasure in having the United Nations Secretary-General as His Majesty's Government's guest, although for a very short stay of only one day, firstly because Thailand feels very highly honoured by the visit of the son of a former Prime Minister of a country that has a long and close tie of friendship with this country — the man of deep-rooted moral integrity of the Scandinavian character, whom I had the pleasure of knowing personally before and whose visit refreshes my warm memory of his kind hospitality extended to me during my visit to the United Nations Headquarters last year and secondly because I want

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him in his present capacity to learn with his own eyes with what appreciation and regard my country, which has, to my gratification, been chosen as the site for regional headquarters of several United Nations Agencies, looks upon the United Nations and its work.

From men who pursue their peaceful way aloof from the storm and turmoil of political strife, a deep debt is due to our top international civil servant who, casting his lot on that troubled sea, guides the vessel of the world. In his position, which is one of the greatest dignity and the highest honour, his life is by no means an easy one; so great are his responsibilities, so incessant are the demands on his mental and physical energy that one cannot help feeling that the sacrifice he makes of private ease and leisure is a very great one.

I hope, Mr. Secretary-General, you have had a pleasant stay in our country and will take with you a happy memory of our sincere faith in the United Nations and our esteem in Your Excellency personally.

Now, Your Royal Highness, Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen, I ask you all to raise your glasses and join me in drinking to the health, prosperity, and success of our honoured guest, Mr. Dag Hammarskjold.