



STATEMENT

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at

the High-Level Segment of the UNFCCC COP 18 and CMP 8

DOHA, QATAR

Mister President,

Excellencies,

Distinguished delegates,

Ladies and gentlemen,

First, please let me congratulate you on your election as the President of the COP18/CMP8. On behalf of the Royal Thai Government, I would like to thank the Government and the people of the State of Qatar for the warm hospitality accorded to us.

Mister President,

I sincerely believe that under your leadership and guidance, COP 18 will send a strong signal to the international community for strengthened commitment and cooperation to tackle this great challenge of our time.

Thailand reaffirms all elements of the Cancun Agreements adopted at the COP16, especially Green Climate Fund, and supports their full implementation without delay. We also appeal for all Parties to arrive at an agreed settlement with regards to AWG-LCA in Doha as well as to reach a common solution under AWG-DP.

All Annex I Parties should consider participating in the Second Commitment Period of the Kyoto Protocol with more ambitious targets. Moreover, meaningful financial support, technology transfer and capacity building are vital for developing countries to effectively adapt

to the adverse impacts of climate change and to reduce greenhouse gases emission based on their national capabilities and circumstances.

Mister President,

As a responsible member of the international community, Thailand has voluntarily implemented measures to reduce greenhouse emission in the energy sector. We have adopted the 20-year National Energy Efficiency and Conservation Plan for the year 2010 to 2030 and the 10-year Renewable and Alternative Energy Development Plan for the year 2011 to 2020 to effectively undertake our mitigation measures both by public and private sectors.

Thailand is undergoing a vigorous process to define NAMAs for our energy sector, as well as finalizing our Climate Change Master Plan that will guide our climate-related actions up to the year 2050.

With regards to adaptation, Thailand sees the urgent need to mobilize support to assist developing countries in coping with impacts of climate change, especially in agricultural sector as it plays a crucial role in food security and poverty eradication.

Mister President,

As a co-host of the Bangkok Climate Change Conference, Thailand is committed to work constructively with all parties to ensure that the Doha conference will conclude with a great success.

Thank you very much.