

National Statement
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*Mister President, Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,*

Please allow me to congratulate you, Mr. President, on your election to preside over this Conference. Let me also take this opportunity to express sincere gratitude to our host, the people and the Government of Peru, for their warm hospitality.

Once again, the scientific findings from the 5th Assessment Report of IPCC have proven that climate change has significantly caused adverse effects to natural resources, environment and human livelihood. Thailand is one of the countries highly vulnerable to climate change.

Thailand believes that dealing with climate change requires an approach to development – one that is truly sustainable. And in Thailand, we are guided by what is known as His Majesty the King's "Sufficiency Economy Philosophy." As a development

model, this means seeking a balance between economic prosperity and environmental conservation to achieve sustainable development. His Majesty's royal patronage have set fundamental needs for rural and local people to know how to wisely utilize their natural resources, maintain their healthy environment and recognize their adaptive capacity which will be crucially guided in our National Adaptation Plan.

Mister President,

Recently, Thailand National Climate Change Policy Committee has approved the Climate Change Management Master Plan 2014-2050, the long term comprehensive inscription leading all Thai concerned ministries to tackle climate change in all aspects.

As a member of Non – Annex I parties, we are pleased to support all efforts in finalizing the new agreement to be adopted in Paris's COP 21. We are now working on INDC's preparation, and would like to urge developed countries to continue showing leadership by coming forward early with ambitious INDCs. Altogether, we wish that the principles of CBDR and respective capability will be continuously taken into account.

With respect to mitigation, Thailand is pleased to applaud fast action of countries in submitting the instrument of approval for

Doha Amendment. Certainly, Thailand will join the forerunners by early 2015. Besides, the Thai Cabinet has just approved pledging our NAMAs. We plan to cut at least 7% below the business as usual in energy and transportation sectors by 2020 and possibly be scaled up to 20 % with additionally international supports. At this point, Thailand would like to welcome the initial capitalization of Green Climate Fund. The 9.95 billion US dollar pledge is a good start to reach 100 billion US dollar by 2020. We do appreciate the developed countries who contributed to this pledge. However, we expect that the GCF would have sustainable and sufficient fund to support developing countries on mitigation and adaptation activities such as REDD+ plus in the long run.

Mister President,

Finally, Thailand wishes that developed countries should continue in taking lead in reducing greenhouse gas emission and keep providing supports for means of implementation to the developing countries. Thailand will do with our utmost efforts to join with global community in tacking climate change and to pursue low-carbon growth and sustainable development.

Thank you. Mr. President.