

## **Statement**


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**Madam President,**

**Excellencies,**

**Distinguished delegates,**

First of all, I would like to convey Thailand's solidarity and support to the Government of Chile during this difficult time. We certainly hope to see peaceful resolution at the earliest opportunity. Moreover, I would like to commend the Government of the Kingdom of Spain and the people of Madrid for their warm and generous hospitality for hosting this COP. We assure you our full support to deliver successful COP 25 outcomes.

**Madam President,**

Recognizing the unprecedented and growing impacts of climate change, the Royal Thai Government has integrated, for the first time, climate change into all development agendas. For the pre-2020, we have successfully achieved a 14% greenhouse gas emission reduction in 2017 in energy and transport sectors. This doubles the amount of our unconditional NAMA pledge at 7% compared to BAU.

To enhance our post-2020 action, we are strengthening our systems, building our capacity and putting in place necessary NDC mitigation and adaptation architectures to align our domestic actions with the Paris Agreement's goal. For instance, we are formulating Thailand's first Climate Change Act, and the Long-term Low Greenhouse Gas Emission Development Strategies. We are now in the process of improving our financial landscape through enhancing the capacity of our existing Environmental Fund to leverage climate finance to local authorities and private sectors. We also aim at synergizing climate change actions with other pressing environmental issues such as biodiversity conservation, and reduction of short-lived climate pollutants, and marine plastic pollution.

**Madam President,**

As the Chair of ASEAN in 2019, Thailand has tirelessly worked to strengthen the role of ASEAN in climate change through the adoption of ASEAN Joint Statement to the United Nations Climate Action Summit and to the UNFCCC COP 25. Our highlighted actions included a 21.9% reduction in ASEAN's energy intensity in 2016 compared to 2005 level, which is way ahead of its 2020 target. We also reiterate that adequate supports for developing countries as stipulated under the UNFCCC and the Paris Agreement is a key to enable real transformative action and to raise ambition

**Madam President,**

Thailand remains profoundly committed to our pledge in the multilateral processes. A wise man once said "We did not inherit this earth from our parents

or ancestors, we merely borrow it from our children, our grandchildren and our great-grandchildren.” Thus, Thailand shall work in the spirit of solidarity with all Parties to protect our climate for the future of our planet and our future generations.

Thank you.