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Mr. President,
Distinguished Guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Thailand extends its appreciation to Türkiye for hosting COP31 in the beautiful city of Antalya and commends Australia for chairing the comprehensive negotiations.

Mr. President,

For Thailand, climate action is integral to national development. Under the leadership of **H.E. Prime Minister Anutin Charnvirakul**, the Thai Government has declared Net Zero a key policy priority, placing people's well-being at its core, addressing climate impacts, and supporting international trade rules.

With the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment as the lead agency, Thailand has enhanced its ambition through **NDC 3.0**, targeting a 47% reduction in net greenhouse gas emissions by 2035, compared with the 2019 baseline, and Net Zero by 2050.

To translate these commitments into action, Thailand has revised its **Long-Term Low Greenhouse Gas Emission Development Strategy** (LT-LEDS) for the second time, aligning it with the Net Zero target.

Our transition measures cover energy, particularly access to clean energy, including the promotion of rooftop solar power for **1 million households**, with the potential to reduce **emissions by 2.9 million tonnes** of carbon dioxide equivalent annually.

Other measures include community solar farms, electricity market liberalization, and electric vehicle promotion, with government subsidies for electric cars and motorcycles to support the transition.

Thailand is also promoting **domestic electric motorcycle production** and low-carbon public transport, while upgrading industry, waste management, and agriculture to reduce agricultural burning.

We are also protecting and expanding forest areas, including the restoration of upstream forests and mangroves, to enhance carbon absorption, create economic opportunities, address climate challenges, and place people at the centre of development.

Thailand is accelerating its Climate Change Act, a key government priority expected to enter into force in 2027.

The legislation will establish a comprehensive climate governance framework with clear targets, oversight mechanisms, and effective financial instruments.

It will enable businesses to access low-cost green financing, while developing credible, internationally recognized carbon markets and carbon credits.

This will turn emission reductions into tangible economic value through green investment, generate community income, and strengthen resilience.

Thailand is also using big data and artificial intelligence for more accurate climate forecasting and early warning systems, while addressing loss and damage.

Our goal is a just transition for people, workers, and businesses, ensuring that all sectors move forward and benefit together.

Mr. President,

Ultimately, the success of COP31 must be measured by improvements in **people's quality of life.** The international community must act together, because **no country can overcome this crisis alone.** Cooperation under the Paris Agreement **is not an option, but a necessity.**

Thailand stands ready to work with the international community to deliver results.

Future generations may not remember what we say today, **but they will remember the world we leave behind.**

Thank you.