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Mr. President, Excellencies, Distinguished delegates, Ladies and gentlemen,

1. First of all, Thailand would like to congratulate the Republic of Fiji for your leadership as the COP 23 presidency and would also like to express our gratitude for the Federal Government of Germany and the city of Bonn for the excellent arrangement and warm hospitality in hosting this COP.

Mr. President,

- 2. The Royal Thai Government reaffirms our commitment to work with the global community in the efforts against climate change and to implement the Paris Agreement.
- 3. We have implemented our NAMA action plan and achieved a reduction of 11 percent from BAU in 2015. This achievement proves that we are on strong track to achieve our voluntary NAMA pledge and serves as an important foundation for our continued efforts under the Paris Agreement.

- 4. To implement the Paris Agreement, the Government attaches great importance to practical climate actions, and we approved Thailand's NDC mitigation roadmap in May 2017. The roadmap includes measures in many sectors such as energy, transport, industry, and waste, which provides guidance for related sectors to formulate their own corresponding action plans to achieve our NDC target.
- 5. On adaptation, our National Adaptation Plan (NAP) is expected to be completed in 2018. This NAP will guide the implementation of our adaptation NDC in various sectors, including water management, agriculture, food security, tourism, public health, natural resources management, human settlement and security.
- 6. Thailand expects that this COP will send a strong signal to the global community that countries are doing their best to ensure that the Paris Agreement Implementation Guidelines are on track for conclusion at COP 24. We must continue to work in the spirit of inclusiveness, transparency and solidarity and ensure a comprehensive and balanced progress and outcome.
- 7. We would like to emphasize once again the urgent need to enhance the pre-2020 ambition, including the ratification of the Doha Amendment.

Mr. President,

8. Thailand will continue to work with all Parties and stakeholders to tackle the threat of climate change and promote the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. We emphasize the need to build a strong partnership at all levels and calls for swift actions by all to fight this common challenge together.

9. Thank you.