

## Thailand's intervention in CSD 18: Transport, 5 May 2010

1. Thank you Mr. Chairman.
2. My delegation would like to associate ourselves with the statement made by the Republic of Yemen on behalf of G77 and China yesterday.
3. Mr. Chair, in the context of sustainable transport, Thailand has taken actions in several projects which are related to sustainable development as follows:
  - 1) Traffic Development and Solution to Traffic Problems in Bangkok Metropolitan Area and Vicinity;
  - 2) The Development of Truck Routes and Management System for Intermodal Transport;
  - 3) Study on Potentials and Opportunities for Clean Development Mechanism under the Kyoto Protocol in Transport Sector in Thailand;
  - 4) A Development Plan for Regional Transportation and Traffic Management;
  - 5) Study on Mass Transit System Projects in Bangkok Metropolitan Area and Vicinity;
  - 6) Rail Mass Transit Master Plan for Bangkok Metropolitan and Surrounding areas including 12 lines, covering 495 kms;
  - 7) Development of the Bus System Technology and Common Ticketing System for Bangkok Metropolis.

Thailand is of the view that the improvement of transportation infrastructure can enhance opportunity for better standard of living to people. In addition to our national efforts, Thailand with other ASEAN member countries is pushing forward the concept and implementation of connectivity within our sub-region. At the 15<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit last year in Cha-am Hua Hin, Thailand, ASEAN Leaders have discussed the importance of connectivity in the region which entails not only physical and software linkages, but also include people-to-people linkages. The scope and coverage of ASEAN Connectivity is not limited to only traditional means such as road, rail, air, and maritime linkages, but also for IT, telecommunications, and mobility of people to ensure that such connectivity can bring about the benefits to economic and social development in the sub-region.

Mr. Chair, however, those development projects require alternative technologies and significant international investment for research and design to successfully implement under the policy-driven.

Accelerated such developments of sustainable transport system for all can be made possible with systematic and much greater technology sharing and transfer, especially through cooperation, be it North-South, South-South, and Tri-angular Cooperation, to developing countries, particular Thailand of course.

I thank you, Mr. Chair.