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Statement on The Way Forward

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Mr. Chairman,
Excellencies,
Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Thai delegation, I wish to congratulate you, Mr. Chairman, and other members of the Bureau on your election. I am confident that with your able leadership, you will guide our deliberation towards a successful conclusion at the end of this session.

Mr. Chairman,

It has long been proven that energy and industry are one of overriding and effective mechanisms for economic growth and development. However, we have to admit that both energy and industrial development are the major causes of climate change and air pollution. To suppress climate change impacts and simultaneously enhance sustainable energy and industry development, renewable energy, energy efficiency and cleaner energy

technologies and services have been introduced with very high upfront cost, which is a core barrier for developing countries. We do realize that there are technologies available to combat climate change and improve air quality, provided that the will, capacity and resources are present. Again, those are the major constraints for developing countries. Despite those constraints, the success of the Montreal Protocol in phasing out CFCs and other ozone depleting substances, especially in Thailand, is undeniable.

In the area of climate change, Thailand would like to underscore the importance of impacts of climate change on sustainable development, particularly in developing countries. Strengthening capacity of developing countries in combating climate change is pivotal.

Mr. Chairman,

Many challenges are before us. Thailand views that the effective integrated national policy as well as public awareness and education in fighting those challenges is essentially required. To accomplish such policies,

governments, civil society and private sectors must also work in a collaborative way. We believe that good governance is key to fruitful partnership activities, which lead to sustainable development. The key actions are to facilitate devolution of power and empowerment of stakeholders, create and optimize partnership both within and across borders.

Action for financing sustainable development should be taken with due consideration of differences between those that have not been able to attract much private capital such as LDCs, land-locked countries and small island developing states, for which ODA remains the primary source of external funding and those countries that have been in the position to seize new opportunities for globalization. The action should be strengthened by making the best use of ODA and domestic resources, increasing the contribution of private capital to sustainable development and enabling the full implementation of existing and additional international funding mechanisms.

Furthermore, it is of high importance and urgency that those financial supports be utilized to promote capacity building as well as dissemination of relevant information.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman