Thank you,
Madam Co-chairs

Thailand would like to express our thanks to the panelists for informative presentations. We also would like to associate ourselves with the statement made by Singapore on behalf of G-77+ China. I would like to share with you our concern and experiences of Thailand on Sustainable Consumption and Production.

Thailand has set up policies and has taken some actions to promote sustainable consumption and production (SCP) pattern. The Strategies on SCP have been developed and integrated in the 10th National Economic and Social Development Plan, in support of His Majestic the King’s philosophy of “Sufficiency Economy”, in order to achieve a “Green and Happy Society” and a low carbon economy.

This SCP Strategies is the moderate level of production and consumption for self sufficiency by

1) changing the consumption behavior of public sector;
2) increasing the efficiency of resources utilization by production and service sectors; and
3) improving the management and administration for sustainable consumption, including building awareness and providing education.
At present, we are implementing many programs on SCP including:

1. National Green Procurement Plan (2008-2011) has been developed and endorsed by the Cabinet in 2008 to promote the production and consumption of environmental-friendly products and services, starting from the public sector, which will help to increase the demand and creation of new markets for sustainable products. At present, more than 76% of governmental agencies have adopted the green procurement policy, with 100% expected by the year 2011.

2. Green building project has also been launched to promote environmental-friendly and sustainable buildings in terms of energy saving, efficient water consumption, pollution and waste reduction).

3. The program on Village Fund for Local Communities in Providing SCP in a green way.

4. The concept of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) is promoted through the implementation of the Environmental Quality Management Plan 2008-2011 to encourage manufacturers, businesses and stakeholders with liable awareness of Social Responsibility Investment.

Lastly, Madam Co-chair

Despite some progress have been made regarding SCP activities, ongoing efforts in implementing the SCP strategies, particularly the use of economic tools to make SCP profitable to both consumers and producers, as well as providing public education and awareness raising on SCP for all levels, are
needed to ensure continuous improvement of SCP. In addition, cooperation with international community is crucial to ensure knowledge sharing, capacity building, as well as technological transfer to support the regional and global SCP activities in an integrated and coherent manner.

Thank you for your attention.