

Intervention on Contribution of UNEP to the preparatory process of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development

**Excellencies,
Distinguished Delegates,
Lady and Gentleman,**

2. According to UNEP's competencies and experiences in the area of environment and green economy, Thailand strongly urges UNEP, as one of the main UN agencies, to fully and actively engage in the UNCSD preparatory process, particularly on the aspects of green economy strategy and roadmap towards the achievement of sustainable development. We are of the opinion that pragmatic and constructive analysis of achievement, constraints and lesson learned associated with green economy approach which have been done by UNEP would be the valuable input to the process. It would give us a sense of where we failed and how to move forward without making the same mistakes again in dealing with this new challenge.

3. In addition, effective coordination mechanism with other UN Agencies, Regional Economic Commissions and Ministerial Forums in support of the regional mobilization toward the UNCSD and its preparatory process is essential. Moreover, UNEP itself, especially the Regional Office, needs to be strengthened as the major institution to express equally concerns on the environment with other two pillars under the concept of sustainable development, particularly in terms of governance.

Mr. President,

4. There are many challenges and obstacles facing developing countries in moving towards green economy, which is the theme set for UNCSD. To ensure concrete outcomes on the objectives and themes of the Conference, it is mandatory that during the UNCSD preparatory process, the conditions and environment which make it possible for developing countries are completely recognized. Moreover, considerably assistance is required in order to delineate the significant capacity constraints and to facilitate the high level and political level to entirely engage in the process towards UNCSD. In this regard, Thailand, as one of

the developing countries, views that UNEP could play an active role in supporting and assisting developing countries in incrementing capacity to tackle the challenges and overcome the obstacles, by directly providing technical support, relevant reports and document as well as financial support according to the mandate and function of UNEP. Furthermore, UNEP's role in facilitating the South-south cooperation under the Bali strategic plan for Technology Support and Capacity Building should also be enhanced as one of the mechanisms to assist the developing countries to complete engage in the preparatory process.

5. Mr. President, with your leadership, I sincerely believe that the outcomes of this session would significantly contribute to the success of the UNCSD Preparatory Process.

6. Thank you, Mr. President.

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