



**The Sixth Session of the Conference of the
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Convention on Climate Change**

Statement

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

On behalf of the Royal Thai Government and the Thai delegation, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Netherlands Government for the warm hospitality extended to the Thai delegation and to the Secretariat for excellent arrangements made for the COP-6. We also would like to extend our warm greeting to all delegates and negotiators present at this crucially important session. We believe that with your leadership, Mr. President, this will be a successful conference.

It has been almost a decade, since we all recognized that climate change problems are critical. We all accepted the basic principles of the convention and agreed on taking efforts to address climate change. Yet, we have not seen any serious efforts from the Annex I countries to take lead in mitigating the greenhouse gases.

Thailand would like to express again that, in any global strategies and measures to fight climate change, the principles of the Convention must be recognized and followed. Those strategies and measures must be based on the ground of "Common but Differentiated Responsibilities" and must be able to address the "Equity" issue. Meanwhile, these should not neglect the "Need" to sustain the economic and social development of developing countries.

Having said that, Thailand, therefore, strongly opposes the use of any economic or political advantages to exploit the others as well as the global externalities for their own benefits and neglect others.

Mr. President,

Thailand would like to stress our stance that the activity implemented jointly under the pilot phase shall not be eligible for registration as a Clean Development Mechanism project, according to the decision 5/CP1.

Thailand is also particularly concerned with land use, land use change and forestry issue. We would like to emphasize that the inclusion of sink activities must not change the global effect of the Kyoto Protocol and should not undermine the principle of the conservation of biological diversity. We also have serious concerns about the scale and scientific uncertainties associated with sinks. We take the position that the inclusion of additional activities under the provisions of Article 3.4 during the first commitment period and the inclusion of sinks in the Clean Development Mechanism of the Kyoto Protocol shall not be applied unless the scientific uncertainties are satisfactorily resolved.

As Non-Annex I country, Thailand has not only complied with our commitment to the Convention but also taken all necessary steps to address the climate change problems over the past several years. We have spent a substantial amount of investment in energy efficiency as well as forest protection, reforestation and afforestation, especially under His Majesty

the King's Initiative Project. We have saved hundreds of megawatts of energy through demand side management and other energy conservation measures. We have planted indigenous varieties of trees, under the principle of bio-diversity conservation, on the area of hundred thousands of hectares in order to expand our forest area and we will continue to do so in the future.

Mr. President,

May I conclude my statement by reaffirming that Thailand is willing to play her fair share in the global efforts to fight climate change. For the sake of all of us, we would like to sincerely urge all parties to take their best efforts, based on the principles of the Convention, to make Kyoto Protocol operable. Finally, I wish to see the success of the COP 6.

Thank you for your attention.