

Roundtable High-level Ministerial Meeting on Technology, including technology use and development and transfer of technology

Thank you/ Madam co-chair,

I would like to express our gratitude/ to the Government of Italy/ for their warm welcome and hospitality.

Madam co-chair,

Technologies and know-how/ are key components to all areas of Climate Change. Thailand has cooperated with other parties/ in development and transfer of technologies/ through bilateral and multilateral cooperation.

Yet,/ our experiences indicate that/ the progress of development and transfer of technology/ and capacity building/ under the Convention has been slow. While we should continue to support the EGTT/ to find innovative ways/ to facilitate the advancement of Article four point five,/ there are many areas/ in which actions should be taken immediately.

Let me highlight/ just a few points,

First about transfer of technology;/ there are two important issues here,/ one is “what to be transferred,”/ another is “how to transfer.”/ “What to be transferred”/ has been identified years ago. “How to ~~be transferred~~”/ is the use of fiscal,/ monetary/ and administrative instruments/ that are common in policy making. However,/ we have not seen Annex-I parties/ using these instruments/ as the “push factors”/ or enabling environment/ to fulfill their commitments.

My second point/ is about development of technologies. “Know-how”/ is an important factor/ for development of technologies. One good way to enhance know-how/ is by joint-research and development. This technology development cooperation/ between developed and developing countries/ has not been evident so far.

My third point/ is about capacity building.

We are increasingly vulnerable/ to the impact of climate change. Yet,/ technical and financial support/ to enhance the capacity/ to address such vital issues/ have not been given priority. We immediately need to establish/ such capacity enhancement programs/ in responding to/ Article four point five.

Finally,/ to keep track of the development,/ a regular assessment of the progress/ of activities implemented/ under Article four point five/ is crucially needed.

Thank you.