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serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA1.3)

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Mr. President,
Excellencies,
Distinguished delegates,

1. First of all, Thailand would like to congratulate the Government of the Republic of Poland for your leadership as COP 24 Presidency. We also express our gratitude to the city authorities and people of Katowice for your warm hospitality.

Mr. President,

2. COP 24 is another important milestone in the global climate efforts to finalize the Paris Agreement Work Programme. The Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5 degree Celsius by IPCC clearly states that half a degree difference in the global average temperature would lead to a much worse climate impact. In this context, we stress the need to enhance the pre-2020 ambition, including the entry into force of the Doha Amendment.

3. Thailand has successfully implemented energy measures and achieved a greenhouse gas emission reduction of approximately 12 percent in 2016, which is on a strong track to fulfill our NAMA pledge of 7 percent from BAU by 2020.

Mr. President,

4. Since confirming Thailand's NDC at COP 21 by our Prime Minister, climate actions have been integrated into the National Strategy, National Reform Plans, 12th National Economic and Social Development Plan, as well as mainstreamed into sectoral plans and strategies.

5. Last year, at COP 23, I have the honor to announce the Cabinet approval of Thailand's NDC Roadmap on Mitigation 2021-2030.

6. This year, I am pleased to inform you the finalization of our NDC Sectoral Action Plans on Mitigation in energy, transport, industry and waste, which clearly outline strategies, measures, activities and yearly emission-reduction target in each sector.

7. On adaptation, Thailand has adopted its first National Adaptation Plan as a practical guidance to mainstream adaptation into water, agriculture, tourism, health, natural resources and human settlement sectors.

Mr. President,

8. Thailand reaffirms our strong commitment to work with all Parties to ensure the adoption of a comprehensive, balanced and practical Paris Agreement Work Programme to enhance actions on mitigation, adaptation and means of implementation. We stress the needs of developing countries in financial, technological and capacity-building support to enable their enhanced contributions.

9. Lastly, Thailand will constructively work with all partners toward a successful implementation of the Paris Agreement and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development for better lives of our future generations.

10. Thank you.