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The Permanent Mission of Thailand to the United Nations Environment Programme presents its compliments to the United Nations Environment Programme and, with reference to the e-mail of Mr. Jorge Laguna-Celis, Secretary of Governing Bodies of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), transmitting a letter dated 19 January 2021 from the Co - Facilitators on the roadmap for implementation of UN General Assembly resolution 73/333, entitled “Follow-up to the report of the ad hoc open-ended working group established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 72/277”, which requested Member States to provide UNEP with comments on the draft building blocks of the Political Declaration.

In this connection, the Permanent Mission has the pleasure to transmit Thailand’s comments regarding draft building blocks of the Political Declaration for UNEP’s further action. (attachment)

The Permanent Mission would highly appreciate it if the attached documents informing Thailand’s comments are transmitted to the concerned authorities and the Co-Facilitators who are in charged of this matter at the earliest opportunity.

The Permanent Mission of Thailand to the United Nations Environment Programme avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the United Nations Environment Programme the assurances of its high consideration.

Permanent Mission of Thailand
to the United Nations Environment Programme,
Nairobi.

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United Nations Environment Programme,
NAIROBI.

Comments by Thailand

regarding draft building blocks of a Political Declaration

1. Under the topic “Environmental law is essential for the protection of our planet”
 - 1.1 **On paragraph 16** - Thailand proposes to edit as follows.

“ We ~~recognize~~ **highlight/emphasize** the importance of national, regional, and international courts and tribunals to give full effect to **(agreed / established)** principles of international environmental law **or full effect to international environmental law**, and we invite Governments to cooperate to build and support the capacity of related authorities and regulatory enforcement officials at all levels to implement environmental law.”
 - 1.2 **On paragraph 17** - Thailand proposes to edit as follows.

“ We recognize that the violation environmental law has the potential to undermine sustainable development and ~~the implementation~~ **the achievement / realization** of agreed environmental and sustainable development goals and objectives at all levels and that the rule of law and effective governance play an essential role in reducing such violations.”

2. Under the topic “Accelerating and facilitating action and implementation at all levels”
 - 2.1 **On paragraph 21** - Thailand proposes to edit as follows.

“ We invite all Governments and related organizations, that have not yet done so, to ratify **relevant** agreements, and to effectively implement them, and we call upon UNEP and the secretariats of multilateral environmental agreements to continue to provide technical support to Member States and members of Specialized Agencies for capacity building in environmental law and for the implementation of their obligations under **the relevant** multilateral environmental agreements.”
 - 2.2 **On paragraph 23** – Thailand proposes to edit as follows.

“ We encourage Governments and related organizations to mainstream the environmental dimension into ~~sectoral policies and programmes at all levels~~ **national policies, strategies, and planning**, including into national development and sustainable development plans, in order to ensure coherent and integrated approach in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.”

2.3 On paragraph 24 – Thailand proposes to edit as follows.

“ We ~~commit to contribute~~ **encourage the contribution of** unearmarked financial resources to UNEP through the Environment Fund, taking into account our national capacities, for strengthening more stable, predictable, and adequate funding to the global environmental authority, and we invite UNEP to seek innovative financing without jeopardizing its normative role and in a manner that contributes to implementation of its strategic programme.

2.4 On paragraph 26 – Thailand proposes to edit as follows.

“ We call upon Member States and members of Specialized Agencies to enhance the ambition of means of implementation, including the provision and mobilization of all types and sources of means of implementation **on the basis of Common But Differentiated Responsibilities (CBDR) Principle**, especially for countries most affected by environmental degradation, consistent with the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.”

2.5 On paragraph 29 – Thailand proposes to edit as follows.

“ We ~~commit to promote~~ **encourage the promotion of** innovative and multi-actor financial initiatives and introduce environmental components and sustainable financing approaches to traditional financial mechanisms, to support environmental objectives and incentivize investments in sustainable projects through enhanced information sharing requirements regarding environmental impacts.

2.6 On paragraph 31 – Thailand proposes to edit as follows.

“ We commit to ~~exploit~~ **explore** the potential for domestic resources through policy reviews such as sustainable fiscal reforms, including environmental taxes, and **take into consideration the readiness of Member States and members of Specialized Agencies to** enhance environmental domestic financial resources to match and reflect the global environmental ambition, ~~by setting a target percentage from GDP by 2030~~, and explore further innovative financing sources, including enhanced collaboration with private sector.”
