

Statement for Video Recording by

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Excellency, Mr. Uhuru Kenyatta, President of the Republic of Kenya,

Excellency, Mr. Eide, President of UNEA 5,

Madam Andersen, Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme,

Excellencies,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good morning, สวัสดีครับ,

On behalf of the Royal Thai Government, I would like to express our gratitude to the Government of Kenya and UNEP for organizing the UNEA 5.2 in midst of continued COVID-19 pandemic. I sincerely believe that as we are building back greener and better, UNEA 5.2 will provide a springboard for fabricating resilience against future pandemics and the global triple crisis of

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climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution, which are currently driving health of our planet in jeopardy. It is indeed the time to urgently convert our existing ambitious commitments into policies, legislations and investments which will enable us to magnificently safeguard our planet.

For our side, Thailand strives to rebuild our economy while reviving the ecosystem through the Bio-Circular-Green Economic Model which capitalizes the country's strengths in biodiversity and employs technology to transform Thailand to a nature-based driven economy. As Thailand is enshrined by high density of carbon stocks, we determine to drive carbon credit derived from nature-based solutions as a part of the clue toward the target of carbon neutrality by 2050 and Net-Zero emission by 2065. This approach will certainly provide adequate volume of pro-poor investments, while fully respecting the rights of local communities and delivering on multiple ecological services.

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Thailand has put our utmost effort in combating plastic pollution at all levels, particularly through Thailand's Roadmap on Plastic Waste Management, which include the target of 100% plastic waste to be recycled by 2027. We, therefore, fully concur with the concept of establishing the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee as a mechanism for further negotiations in which Thailand will positively engage in the upcoming process.

Thailand is strongly confident that UNEA 5.2 would be the ground breaking in addressing the solutions to tackle the global triple crisis, which would require cooperation across borders and the whole society. Thailand stands ready to collaborate with all stakeholders in safeguarding our planet for better living of ours and the next generations.

Thank you, ขอขอบคุณครับ.