

MADAM CHAIR;

AS IT IS THE FIRST TIME THAT THE REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA TAKES THE FLOOR, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE GOVERNMENT OF THAILAND AND ITS PEOPLE FOR CREATING THE CONDITIONS OF THIS MEETING.

ALSO THANK THE SECRETARIAT AND THE LOCAL WORKING GROUP FOR THE EFFORT MADE TO HAVE GOOD WORKING CONDITIONS.

Let me EXPRESS OUR CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ELECTION TO THIS POSITION AND WE WISH you GOOD WORK, WE WILL BE HERE TO HELP YOU.

ANGOLA, ALIGNS ITSELF WITH THE AFRICAN POSITION EXPRESSED BY THE REPRESENTATIVE OF NIGERIA,

THE PANEL SHALL REDUCE THE ASYMMETRIES BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH, TAKING A GLOBAL VIEW THAT TAKES INTO ACCOUNT THE SPECIFICITIES OF EACH REGION.

OUR PEOPLE SUFFER THE CONSEQUENCES OF POOR MANAGEMENT OF CHEMICALS AND WASTE, AS WELL AS THE VARIOUS TYPES OF POLLUTION.

OUR HOPE IS that THE PANEL WILL BRING TO THE SAME TABLE THE SCIENTIFIC CAPACITY AND WISDOM OF OUR LEADERS, FOR THE WELL-BEING OF OUR PEOPLES.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH