

Madam Chair,

Distinguished Delegates,

Our region has experienced environmental challenges such as climate-driven mega-disasters which have profound implications for our society.

Thailand has stepped up our efforts to join the global goodwill to reach Carbon Neutrality and Net Zero GHGs Emissions by 2050 and 2065 respectively, together with the increase the NDC's target up to 40% with adequate international support. We address the climate change challenges in every way and every means possible, emphasizing that Thailand has put climate action as its top priority at all level. For example, we launch the "Low Carbon City Programme", which was initially implemented in 25 municipalities, to change behavior of people within society as well as we revising greenhouse gas inventory in every single provinces in order to encourage more greenhouse gas mitigation actions in achieving Thailand's contributions under UNFCCC.

Thailand therefore encourage ESCAP could enhance support for regional initiatives on city climate and cooperation actions with key regional and global partners. This initiative also includes the potential of localizing

low carbon and climate resilient policies and practices from one city to another, in order to reduce the carbon emission while addressing increased frequency and intensity of climate impacts.

Lastly, the immediate reduction of air pollution and climate pollutants especially transboundary pollution could create substantial mutual benefit in the region. I encourage ESCAP to step up efforts to assist member countries to overcome these challenges as stated in the Ministerial Declaration and the Regional Action Programme on Air Pollution.

Thank you for your kind attention.