Agenda 2: Review of the implementation of the Regional Action Programme for Sustainable Transport Connectivity in Asia and the Pacific, Phase I (2017-2021)

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Thailand wishes to extend our appreciation to the Secretariat for the comprehensive review provided in the document and the efforts to achieve the implementation of the Regional Action Programme, Phase I.

With the adoption of 2030 Agenda and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Thailand has committed to achieve a more sustainable, reliable and resilient transport connectivity. The long-term Transport Systems Development Strategic Plan which is in line with SDGs, has been implemented to enhance regional transport connectivity through planning, upgrading and developing transport infrastructure network as well as promoting the use of technology and intelligent transport systems to move towards sustainable and smart transport system.

Last year, Thailand, as IMO Council Member, was collaborating with ESCAP and International Maritime Organization (IMO) to organize the Regional Workshop on UN Sustainable Development Cooperation on Framework (UNSDCF) in August 2019 and the Second Asia Regional Knowledge Partnership Workshop on “Maritime Technical Cooperation Activities” in December 2019. These workshops provided a platform to exchange views on maritime-related issues which could be used as a basis for formulating maritime policy framework in consistent with IMO for countries in Asia and the Pacific region to ensure a sustainable maritime community that leaves no one behind.

Over the year, Thailand has engaged in a number of activities organized by the secretariat throughout the year. The projects, study reports, meetings, especially capacity-building workshops help raised awareness, broaden understanding of transport-related issues as well as provide recommendations to advance transport systems in various thematic areas.

For the final year of the Regional Action Programme, Thailand would like to request the support from ESCAP in continue assisting member states in organizing capacity-building activities in the areas of transport facilitation, intermodal transport corridor development as well as improving road safety situations.

Thank you.