

Country: **[Maldives]**

*<To be delivered following the Chair's thanks to
the Executive Secretary after her closing statement>*

Mr. Chair,

It gives me great pleasure, on behalf of my delegation, to convey our deep appreciation to the Chair of the 78th Commission session, His Excellency Mr. Vijavat Isarabhakdi, to you and the rest of the Bureau for guiding the deliberations of the 78th session of the Commission to a successful conclusion.

I should also like to convey our thanks and appreciation to the Royal Thai Government for co-hosting the session. After two years of meeting virtually, having the opportunity to meet some of the distinguished delegates in person, was truly appreciated. We look forward to meeting fully in person next year, so we can all benefit from the traditional warm hospitality of Thailand

Finally, Mr. Chair, we wish to record our sincere thanks to Ms. Armida Alisjahbana, Executive Secretary of ESCAP, and her able staff for the excellent preparations for the session and the services rendered to the delegations, which have made our tasks much easier.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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