

Opening remarks by Dr. Raweewan Bhuridej, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment

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Professor Sir Jim Skea, Chair of IPCC,

Mrs. Ko Barrett, Deputy Secretary-General of WMO,

Mr. Martin Krause, Director of the Climate Change Division of UNEP,

IPCC Bureau Members,

Distinguished delegates, observer organizations, ladies and gentlemen,

Good morning!

On behalf of the Royal Thai Government, it is my great pleasure to offer a warm welcome to all of you at the opening of the 64th session of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. It is such a great privilege that, once again, Bangkok is given the opportunity to host this critically important meeting.

Our first IPCC meeting was ten years ago, in 2016, when I was the Secretary-General of ONEP, and at the time, I think we all talk about Paris Agreement. I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the IPCC, as well as to scientists and experts from around the world for your unwavering dedication and commitment to advance scientific knowledge on climate change.

Your work continues to have far-reaching contribution to shaping global climate cooperation to avoid catastrophic impact of climate change in an era when nations are facing from geopolitical instability, economic pressure and international conflicts.

Mr. Chair, for decades, the assessment reports of the IPCC serve as a cornerstone to climate policymaking at the global, regional and local levels. They enhance our understanding of the causes, impacts and risks of climate change while also providing the most cost-effective mitigation options that best address the root cause of climate change.

For Thailand and many developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change and have limited capacity, such scientific knowledge and assessment is indispensable. It helps us tremendously in designing our development strategy, plans and measures at both national and local levels to protect the lives and

livelihoods of our people, while allowing us to make the most contribution to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and keep the global temperature at safe levels.

In this context, the 64th session of the IPCC marks another milestone in the preparation of the Seventh Assessment Report by the three Working Groups. Our important session agenda include advancing work on the development of Methodology Report on Carbon Dioxide Removal, Carbon Capture, utilization and storage, and Short-lived climate Forcers. Mr. Chair, we know that the work of IPCC serves as an essential input to the negotiations under the UNFCCC in particular.

The funding of the IPCC, plays a vital role in supporting the Global Stocktake and enabling the international community to assess collective progress towards achieving the goals of the Paris Agreement. They guide countries to pursue ambitious and effective measures to address climate change, reduce risks and enhance resilience. This close and continuous linkage between science and policy ensures that global climate action remains credible, transparent and firmly grounded in robust scientific evidence.

Thailand hopes that this meeting will further strengthen collaboration among scientists, policymakers and parties, ensuring that scientific knowledge continues to reflect diverse perspectives from all regions, particularly from developing countries. Lastly, as the host country of the 64th session of the IPCC, we will ensure to facilitate a successful conduct meeting to deliver to the outcome that will strengthen scientific knowledge on climate change and leading to science-based polices and solution for all nations.

Thank you very much.
