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**Thailand's Statement
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Ambassador and Permanent Representative
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Agenda Item 11: UNIDO activities in the environment and energy

Mr. President,

1. The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, safeguarding environment, and energy security are intertwined critical challenges which are threatening our well-being and livelihood as well as setting back significant progress towards the achievement of SDGs. A holistic approach via multilateral cooperation is urgently needed to alleviate the socio-economic impacts caused by the pandemic, global disruption, while realigning effort is needed to address the long-term critical environmental and energy problems.
2. Thailand takes note of the document IDB.49/18 and appreciates the UNIDO's relentless effort in facilitating both emergency measures and long-term green economic recovery that leaves no one behind through advancing environmentally sustainable industrial development. We welcome the progress made in these areas, in particular the promotion of the transition to circular economy.
3. In the same direction, Thailand has adopted the Bio-Circular-Green (BCG) Economic Model as a National Agenda in moving towards a more sustainable and inclusive growth.
4. Thailand's BCG Economic Model Strategic Plan (2021-2026) has four strategies. The first strategy aims to create sustainability of resource bases and biodiversity. The second strategy involves community empowerment and development of local economy. The third strategy aims to uplift the target industries under the BCG Economic Model for sustainable competitiveness. The fourth strategy seeks to enhance resilience in the face of global changes.

The BCG Economic Model will focus on four sectors: (1) agriculture and food; (2) medical services and wellness; (3) bioenergy, biomaterials, and biochemical; and (4) tourism and creative economy.

Mr. President,

5. Thailand appreciates the UNIDO's support for our application to become a country under the Partnership for Actions on Green Economy (PAGE). This partnership offers excellent technical assistance for policy development and implementation, capacity building, and financing for inclusive green economy transition to Thailand, taking into consideration our country's specific needs and circumstances.

6. Finally, Thailand looks forward to enhancing cooperation with the UNIDO in the areas of environment and energy, with a view to support Thailand's BCG Economic Model in achieving the country's sustainable agenda and becoming more resilient to face the global challenges and disruption.

I thank you.
