

Agenda:
Amendments to the Instrument for the Establishment of a Restructured GEF
Statement by
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Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Thailand welcomes the amendments to the Instrument for the establishment of a restructured GEF which will enable GEF to serve as a financing mechanism for the BBNJ Agreement, in order to support the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction.

The role of GEF in tackling our planet's most pressing environmental problems cannot be emphasized enough. Resources are key. As the largest financial mechanism for the implementation of international environment conventions, GEF has a transformative potential to help countries protect the environment and achieve sustainable development, particularly developing countries.

Thailand welcomes the progress made by GEF and all partners to reverse the degradation of the global environment so far. We would like to encourage GEF to continue its support in multi-focal area programming and integrated approaches that could generate multiple global environmental benefits at the same time.

Thank you