

**Thailand Statement by  
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**Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,**

Thailand would like to congratulate the Government of Canada and the GEF Secretariat for the success of the seventh GEF Assembly.

The world is currently experiencing the triple planetary crises of biodiversity loss, climate change and pollution, all of which are interconnected. These environmental challenges put our world and the well-being of people at great risk. Transformative changes in our way of doing business and living are urgently needed. Strong multi-stakeholder partnerships for nature restoration are an essential means in addressing these global challenges.

We have witnessed this partnership-in-action during these past few days. The ratification of the Council Decisions on the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund yesterday was a truly landmark occasion. The targets of the Kunming-Montreal Biodiversity Framework cannot be achieved by one country alone. Partnerships at all levels are crucial to creating a healthy planet. The Global Biodiversity Framework Fund will provide a boost to developing countries' investment in nature positive solutions, which Thailand supports and has adopted as part of our efforts to mitigate the impacts of climate change.

We highly appreciate the announcements of contribution to the GBF Fund by Canada and the United Kingdom. We encourage countries and partners in a position to do so to consider contributing to this very important mechanism.

Distinguished Delegates,

Thailand strives to build a more balanced and resilient growth through the implementation of the Bio-Circular-Green or BCG Economy Model. The BCG aims to generate inclusive and sustainable growth while also preserving the planet. Our

efforts on environment preservation and conservation have benefitted greatly from GEF through the funding of various national and regional projects.

In this regard, Thailand wishes to emphasize the importance of ensuring the sustainability of GEF projects. Monitoring and evaluation of projects are essential to ensure their effectiveness on the ground, and to assess their potential for scale.

We welcome GEF's support in the areas of technology development and transfer, as well as knowledge development and sharing that will strengthen countries and accelerate our collective efforts on climate actions, biodiversity conservation and pollution prevention and control.

Thailand is committed to do our part to preserve the environment and the planet. We stand ready work with GEF and all partners toward this goal.

Thank you.