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**Intervention
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**at the Dialogue with the Executive Secretaries of the Regional
Commissions with the Second Committee**

**“From risk to resilience: Accelerating actions to achieve a more
sustainable and equitable future through regional cooperation”**

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Madam Chair,

1. At the outset, Thailand wishes to thank all the Executive Secretaries for their presentations.

2. Thailand strongly believes in the regional dimension and the role of the Regional Commissions in accelerating actions toward a more sustainable future. We are proud to be the host country of ESCAP since 1949 and the Chair of the ESCAP's current session. In this regard, we would like to share the following three points.

3. First, as most of us are recovering from the long-term impacts of COVID-19 which have been exacerbated by global challenges, including climate change and disasters, it is critical that the **Regional Commissions continue to support countries toward inclusive, resilient and sustainable recovery**. As highlighted by the Executive Secretary of ESCAP, **the Asia-Pacific region is pushed further off track to attain the SDGs by 2030**. We therefore stress that the work of the Regional Commissions should **focus on accelerating the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development** while taking into account **national development objectives**.

4. Thailand commends ESCAP's works to assist countries to **be better prepared for future crises, transform toward low GHG development, strengthen resilient connectivity, and align public and private finance to deliver sustainable development**.

5. Second, on the **preparations for the 2023 SDG Summit**, Thailand believes that the **Regional Forums on Sustainable Development** are important steps to lay the groundwork. We should harness on their role as **regional preparatory meetings to the HLPF**.

6. Earlier this year, in Thailand's capacity as the Chair of the ECOSOC Coordination Segment, we stressed that **regional dimensions need to feature prominently in the work of the HLPF**, and that the **Regional Commissions are**

making critical contribution within their regions and at the global and country levels.

7. Third, the **Regional Commissions and other entities of the UN Development System should work together in a holistic manner.** The regional assets of the UNDS can **reinforce the work of the Resident Coordinators and UN Country teams** in implementing the **UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks** at the country level.

8. We welcome the role of the **Regional Collaborative Platform (RCP)** as a mechanism that unites all UN entities working on development. For example, the work of ESCAP and UNEP through the RCP’s issue-based coalition on climate action has helped align the UN response to challenges of climate change in the region and promote synergies across UN entities.

9. The ASEAN-UN cooperation under the **Complementarities Initiative** is an example of how to enhance synergy between the UN and sub-regional organisation. We look forward to further cooperation including through the **ASEAN Centre for Sustainable Development Studies and Dialogue.** As the host of APEC in 2022, Thailand **looks forward to strengthening partnership between APEC and ESCAP** in driving forward sustainability in our region.

Madam Chair,

10. To conclude, Thailand reaffirms our strong commitment to support the Regional Commissions.

11. Thank you.

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