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**Statement**

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Mr. Chairman,

Thailand wishes to align ourselves with the statements made by the Group of 77 and China. We also thank the panelists for their contributions.

As we are all aware from the comprehensive review of the implementation at the CSD-18 last May that significant progress have been made on chemicals agenda, but much is still needed to be done to ensure sound chemicals management which will lead to the minimization of significant adverse effects on human health and the environment across the globe by the year 2020.

Thailand believes that **sustainable chemicals management can be further advanced by strengthening the implementation of the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM)**. The SAICM provides a comprehensive international policy framework for sound chemicals management that is inline with the Rio Declaration, Agenda 21 and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation. Capacity building and sustainable financial mechanism should be further considered to support the effective SAICM implementation at the national and local level, especially for developing countries and countries with economies in transition.

Strengthening the implementation of existing multilateral environmental agreements, including the Basel, the Rotterdam and the Stockholm conventions and other international efforts are also required to tackle trans-boundary chemicals issues. The issues need to be addressed using a life-cycle approach in an integrated and coordinated manner. In addition, synergistic approach should be considered in the development of any new international legal framework, such as the ongoing negotiations on the global legally binding instrument on mercury.

Strengthening the link between the health and environment sectors is essential to obtain accurate information on health risk assessment and health impacts of hazardous chemicals that will assist in decision-making process for effective chemicals management. The implementation of coherent and integrated chemical information systems such as PRTRs and GHS should also be further promoted.

**Partnership and cooperation from industrial and business sectors should be promoted to apply Corporate Social Responsibility and minimize the health and environmental impacts of their products and services, including those that are**

resulted from hazardous chemicals. The application of chemicals management tools such as financial instrument and environmental taxation should also be promoted to provide incentives and create a sustainable financial mechanism for sound chemicals management.

Mr. Chairman,

**Actions and cooperation at local community and individual level are very crucial for effective and sustainable chemicals management.** It requires a life-long learning and individual responsibility that should be embedded in all educational and social paradigms.

Last but not least, **chemicals management issues must be addressed in conjunction with other development agenda, particularly waste management and SCP thematic clusters, as well as education and poverty eradication.** Chemicals issues must be prioritized and integrated in the national development policies with the consideration of health and environmental, as well as social and economic factors.

I thank you Mr. Chairman.

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