

Thailand's Intervention on
10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption &
Production Patterns

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Mr. Chairman,

1. The Thai delegation wishes to associate itself with the statement made by the Argentinian delegation on behalf of G77 and China. I thank the panelists for their informative presentations and would like to take this opportunity to share our experiences in changing consumption and production patterns.
2. The Royal Thai Government has formulated and implemented policies to promote sustainable consumption and production or SCP based on His Majesty the King's philosophy on "Sufficiency Economy."
3. Several programs on SCP, including Public Green Procurement, Green Building and Green Way of Life under the revolving village fund have been successfully implemented. Furthermore, the government has formulated the national plan taking into account SCP to further promote sustainable patterns with ambitious goals and targets to decouple economic growth from environmental degradation.
4. In this, higher education, greater awareness, capacity building and the transfer of technology and know-how, are essential. Intellectual property regimes need to take into account the technology transfer needs of developing countries. We urge the developed countries and relevant international organizations to seriously consider this issue.
5. The recent global crises remind us that there is an urgent need to change our consumption and production patterns. Therefore, it is timely to have the 10-year framework programme adopted at CSD 19.

6. Thailand is of view that the framework is of fundamental value to the goal of sustainable development. However, the framework should fully take into account the development aspirations of the developing countries without imposing undue conditionalities and burdens.

7. The framework should be based on a voluntary basis and not be used as trade barriers or cause additional conditions for access to the international development financing regime.

8. The framework should reaffirm the vision and goals of the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation and should be based on the Rio Principles, especially the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities.

9. For the framework to function, it is necessary to avoid duplication and conflicts, and to promote synergy with other processes and frameworks. The SAICM model, with its appropriate administration arrangement, seems to be suitable for the institutional structure.

10. The programs under the framework should be flexible and adaptable to different national and regional needs, priorities and capacities. They should be based on the existing and ongoing programs and activities and also cover areas not yet addressed by other international policies. According to our experiences from SAICM process, we are of view that not all programs need to be agreed on at the outset, only in areas where it is possible to reach the consensus.

Thank you.
