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**Statement of H.E. General Prayuth Chan-ocha, Prime Minister of  
the Kingdom of Thailand  
At the High-level Dialogue on Energy 2021  
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Your Excellency the Secretary-General of the United Nations,  
Distinguished participants,

1. I would like to thank Your Excellency for inviting me to address the High-level Dialogue on Energy Summit 2021 today.

2. Amidst the current global situation, every country is confronting the challenge from climate change, of which the energy sector is a key factor. Today's meeting is, therefore, a great opportunity for countries to deliberate on a global roadmap towards the Sustainable Development Goals.

3. The Royal Thai Government attaches great importance to energy transition and the implementation of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 7, which ensures access to clean, affordable and reliable energy services, in order to achieve the Net Zero Carbon Emissions target and maintain global temperature rise within 1.5 to 2 degrees Celsius as stipulated in the Paris Agreement.

4. Thailand is now working on the National Energy Plan. The goal is to drive the country towards a low-carbon economy and society by increasing the proportion of clean energy to no less than 50 percent of the new electricity generation. Thailand is also working on a long-term strategic plan for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in order to achieve the Carbon Neutrality Goal by 2065 – 2070.

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5. We should work together to lay the foundation for the post-COVID-19 era, developing with peace and prosperity, especially with regards to the environment and nature. Human behavior should be adjusted so that a balance could be reached between humans, other living things, and the environment, while resources should be optimized not maximized.

6. On this front, Thailand has adopted a new approach called the “Bio-Circular-Green” (or BCG) Economy Model. This Model applies new technologies and innovation to further build on Thailand's strengths, namely agriculture, industry, biodiversity and cultural diversity, to create a balance between economic development, society and environmental sustainability. This BCG model can be one of the approaches to achieve Thailand's Carbon Neutrality goal by promoting the production and the use of low-carbon energy. For example, the so-called 30@30 policy will enhance the electric vehicle industry, where electric vehicles will account for 30 percent of the total domestic automobile production by 2030.

7. I hope that the results of today's meeting will be an opportunity for members to share a common ground and join hands in determining a clean energy development approach to be presented at an international event, namely, COP26 this coming November.

8. Lastly, I would like to reaffirm Thailand’s determination to support the achievement of the UN Sustainable Development Goals and the Paris Agreement, which will lead to our shared future of sustainable economic development and energy security.

Thank you and Sawasdee krub.

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