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Mr. Mansour Al-Qurashi, Acting Chair of the CSTD,  
Mr. Peter Major, Vice Chair of the CSTD,  
Ladies and gentlemen,

Thank you, Chair.

First and foremost, I wish to thank **Mr. Peter Major** for the introduction to this informal discussion. Thailand welcomes the recommendations from the review for ECOSOC's subsidiary bodies. We are pleased to see that the recommendations for expert bodies are aimed at cooperation to align with the 2030 Agenda while taking account of its economic, social and environmental dimensions. We also note that the recommendations seek **complementarities** between each of the 17 goals of the SDGs and would hope that our work on achieving the SDGs is done through **coherence**.

Some of the recommendations truly stand out for Thailand. In simple terms, ECOSOC wishes to see subsidiary bodies like the CSTD to encourage members to talk to each and cooperate more with each other. They asked us to come up with **cohesive policies** based on our shared expertise. And they expressed the need for us to focus on achievable and concrete outcomes.

Thailand is pleased that the ECOSOC recommendations are in line with our cooperation concept with the CSTD. For Thailand, the CSTD is particularly important for the ECOSOC, because it is our belief that the world requires STIs coupled with a new economic model to both achieve the SDGs and to build back better after the pandemic. As such, the CSTD would act like an incubator for a new economic model.

Last year, Thailand held a side event during the 25<sup>th</sup> CSTD in March to explain how the Biocircular and Green (BCG) Economic Model could be translated to be an economic model to help us build back better, be more sustainable and leave no one behind. Today, Thailand is pleased to announce that UNCTAD, the CSTD, the Permanent Mission of Thailand and the Thailand Science Research and Innovation have come together to form a CSTD project on STI Capacity Building for Female Researchers and Entrepreneurs on the BCG Economic Model.

Early next year, we will invite applications for the project by female entrepreneurs and researchers from developing countries to participate in the project in Thailand in June 2023. Joining in the projects, applicants will learn from our Thai female entrepreneurs, policymakers, and experts on how to apply technology and innovation that align with the BCG Model. Participants will pay visits to BCG enterprises and some female-led enterprises, including technology enterprises, to enhance their understanding of the BCG model and the benefits it can bring about to the companies.

The project is expected to promote the inclusive and sustainable development at national level through the engagement of female researchers and entrepreneurs in developing and using science, technology and innovation. Our project is aimed at building cooperation on enhancing a path towards sustainability which would link knowledge on science, technology, innovation

to biodiversity and cultural diversity. We hope to share our lessons on how to build the internal strength of each developing country and distribute benefits to community.

Importantly, this is not just another workshop. Instead, we aim to build a network of female researchers and entrepreneurs which will talk to each other long after the project ends. We aspire to see this network grow to form strong and cohesive policies based on the sharing of expertise. We also hope that these policies will be designed to suitably complement their national, regional and international contexts.

With this project, Thailand hopes that we can contribute to the CSTD. In turn, we hope to see the CSTD become an invaluable part of the ECOSOC and an indispensable subsidiary body to support member states in accelerating their SDGs achievement.

Thank you, Chair.

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