

**Agenda 3: Cross-cutting issues in transport:**

**(a) Transport connectivity for efficient and resilient supply chain**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Thailand would like to highlight our progress on land transport infrastructure development to promote regional connectivity and achieve Sustainable Development Goals.

During the years, Thailand is undertaking an extensive improvement of land transport to facilitate the development of road and railway network in the region. Majority of existing railway track has been renewed. The first phase of double track project, covering about 993 kilometers, has been implemented with the concept of universal design. The new railway line projects of a total distance of 678 km are being carried out to improve rail transport connectivity within the country. In consideration of energy efficiency and environmental sustainability, Thailand is beginning to move towards electrification in national railway system.

For road transport, Thailand is undertaking the development of information technologies to enhance traffic flow. M-flow has been introduced as a new toll collection system which drivers pay toll while driving at normal driving speed. This is done by applying the Automatic Vehicle Identification (AVI) in the form of Radio Frequency Identification (RFID). The system helps minimizing delays at toll gate during peak hours. Payment can be made via various means. The related laws and regulations are being studied to ensure smooth operation of the system.

Currently, the digitization has been employed in transport sector. For example, the implementation of “National Single Window” (NSW) system which simplifies the documentary requirements, procedures and formalities associated with arrival and departure of ships via a single electronic gateway in order to facilitate maritime traffic and provide efficient and environmentally sound shipping. During the pandemic, the NSW plays a crucial role to resolve disruption in shipping while

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meeting the health and safety measures to minimize the transmission of COVID-19 among maritime personnel, as well as maintain the efficiency of maritime trade and transport.

Thailand is committed to promoting the activities implemented under the Regional Action Programme and continue to work closely with ESCAP and member states to achieve SDGs and building a resilient and sustainable transport connectivity. The joint efforts on the development in these areas will certainly help contribute to the success of the development of transport connectivity in this region.

Thank you.