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**Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA)**

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Excellencies,  
Distinguished Delegates,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is a great pleasure and honour for me to be here in Astana and to represent Thailand at the 6th CICA Summit. I feel privileged to join all the distinguished Heads of State or Government in celebrating the 30th anniversary of the establishment of CICA this year. I wish to express Thailand's sincere appreciation to Kazakhstan, the founder and current Chair of CICA, for organising this important Summit. Kazakhstan's commitment and diligence during her chairmanship have accelerated the advancement of CICA and increased cooperation among its member states in all five dimensions of interaction. With the dedicated efforts and sincere cooperation from all member states, CICA will continue to play a valuable role as a bridge for security, development, and prosperity for Asia.

With regard to the outcome documents of the 6th CICA Summit, Thailand supports the Draft Astana Statement on CICA Transformation, and welcomes the approval of the Draft Regulations of the CICA Fund along with the Draft CICA Leaders' Statement on Cooperation in the Field of Security

of and in the Use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs). The CICA Fund will be a beneficial mechanism in promoting development and capacity building for all member states. The aforementioned CICA Leaders' Statement is a testament to our commitment in strengthening CICA's security cooperation to prepare for emerging modern challenges. Thailand is ready to be part of the consensus for the documents of the Summit.

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Thailand reaffirms our commitment to fulfill our role as coordinator for the implementation of Confidence Building Measures (CBMs) on Sustainable Development, especially through our contribution to the recovery of the post-COVID-19 era. We have placed an emphasis on achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the SDGs. In this regard, Thailand has organised various training programmes on sustainable development and our home-grown Sufficiency Economy Philosophy (SEP) to help build the capacities of all CICA Member States in this area.

Economic resilience and environmentally-friendly development are key factors in achieving the SDGs and form a crucial part of the solution for Climate Change. For our part, Thailand has adopted the "Bio-Circular-Green, or BCG, Economy Model" as our post-COVID-19 national strategy for sustainable recovery and a greener future. The BCG Model emphasises economic growth based on efficient use of resources, waste reduction and low-carbon emission. In the Thai context, such a model is used to focus on promoting four industries, namely (1) agriculture and food, (2) medical and wellness, (3) bioenergy, biomaterials and biochemicals, and (4) tourism and creative economy.

We are convinced that the BCG Model can complement the respective development goals of other CICA Member States. Accordingly, we look forward to sharing our experiences and working with our CICA partners to use the Model as a neutral ground for regional dialogue and cooperation on promoting sustainable development and a greener future.

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Distinguished Delegates,

I would like to conclude my statement by once again thanking Kazakhstan, our gracious host, for her substantial contributions to CICA's progress and future developments. Please be assured of Thailand's active participation and cooperation in the years ahead.

Thank you.