

Thai delegation would like to associate ourselves with the statements made by the Republic of Indonesia on behalf of G77 and China.

1. Mining in Thailand can be traced back for centuries and is important to our national development, especially in term of economic growth. Over the years, we have learned some lessons and used them to adjust our practice, decision and policy making processes. We have placed great concern on environment and geo-resource sustainability and promoted the participation of people and local community to ensure that mining will not or will least affect their ways of life.

- a. The Existence of hazardous substances and wastes deposition from mining activities and abandoned mines;
- b. Lack of National Mineral Resources Strategic Plan;
- c. Local communities and government authorities have not been clearly informed on the mining technologies and their possible long-term problems.

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- a. The International and National Policy on sustainable mining are needed to be developed. These policies so called "G