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Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Thai Delegation, I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to the National Assembly of Republic of Bulgaria and the people of Bulgaria for the warm welcome and generous hospitality accorded to the Thai delegation since our arrival in Sofia. I am very pleased to be here in Sofia addressing such distinguished delegates on the issue of legislative aspects of the information technology and ethics.

As a fact, information technology and ethics are the terms which interrelated in a way. Countries around the world are competitively trying to establish an information society. Among these, we are now facing a huge challenge due to the rapid changes in the society. Thus, the issue of information technology and ethics has presented us with challenges.

Thailand in the previous years concentrates with some basic indicators in order to reflect our readiness for e-government development, e-Business and e-Commerce. In term of ethics, Thailand is on the process to develop in such important matters. At the moment, there is no tangible performance in the country, in legislative aspect in particular.

However, Thailand insists that the information society should respect peace and uphold the fundamental values of freedom, equality, solidarity, tolerance. The issue of information technology and ethics has presented us with challenges, shared responsibility, and respect for nature. For larger dimension, Thailand acknowledges the importance of ethics for information society, which should foster justice, and the dignity and worth of human person. The widest possible protection should be accorded to the family to enable it to play its crucial in society. In the meantime, it should respect human rights and fundamental freedoms of

others, including personal privacy, and the right to freedom of thought, conscience, and religion in conformity with appropriate instruments.

In the information society, the appropriate actions and preventive measures, as determined by law, against abusive uses of ICTs, such as illegal and other acts motivated by racism, racial discrimination, and related intolerance and violence as well as all forms of child abuse, including trafficking in, and exploitation of, human beings.

There is a long way to go for such matters. Our mission on information technology and ethics is still going on. Thailand, as an active member of IPAIT, believes that under our close cooperation among member countries will allow us to explore best practices from each other.

Thank you very much for your attention.
