

## **Intervention**

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Finally, Mr. Chairman, I would like to respond to the remarks from Cambodia this morning regarding peace and stability in Asia-Pacific and sustainable tourism during which the speakers mentioned about the situation on the Thai-Cambodian border and Thailand's domestic situation and the recent closure of the Bangkok International Airport.

Thailand's peaceful relations with its neighbors are a crux of our foreign policy. Thailand attaches great importance to the traditional and longstanding relationship with Cambodia and we strongly desire for peaceful coexistence with the Kingdom. Successive Thai governments including the present Thai government adhered to bilateral and peaceful settlements of our common borders with Cambodia and all our neighbors. We know that there are border issues to be discussed and resolved amicably and through international laws with Cambodia. Thailand is extremely pleased with the progress made so far on the joint Thailand-Cambodia border talks by the General Border Committee, the Thai-Cambodian Joint Commission on Demarcation for Land Boundary and talks between the foreign ministers of both countries, most particularly on the Temple of Phra Viharn. The future of our common borders looks positive and promising. Having said that, Thailand looks forward to joining hands with Cambodia on joint border developments to improve the livelihoods of our people and to bring back sustainable growth and sustainable tourism to our common areas.

We thanked friends at this gathering for their open and frank concerns for the domestic situation in Thailand. Politically, Thailand is currently back to normal situation, the Bangkok International Airport is fully functioning and has welcomed back streams of international travelers. Through democratic framework, Thailand will try our utmost to bring peace back to our country.

Thank you.