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Country/Organization/Constituency: Thailand

Statement: Item VIII **Agroecological and Other Innovative Approaches**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman,

1. Thailand appreciates the HLPE for producing a report on “Agroecological and other innovative approaches for sustainable agriculture and food systems that enhance food security and nutrition”
2. We acknowledge that there are many challenges to be considered for the future to address food security and nutrition, especially in the context of SDGs. And there is absolutely no “one-size-fits-all” solution.
3. We agree that the agroecological approach is one of the approaches to enhance sustainable food security and nutrition even if there is no single and consensus definition. For example, we observe that several principles of agroecology, such as: recycling; reducing the use of inputs; soil health; animal health and welfare and biodiversity are fully in line with Thai agriculture policy, particularly **the Sufficiency Economy Philosophy or SEP** which promote sustainable management of soil and water resources and climate resilience including achieve SDGs

Mr. Chairman,

4. Thailand successfully implemented projects in promoting sustainable agriculture and food systems and we would like to share some of the most significant projects.
5. **‘Soil Health’**: Thailand as the first Chairperson of Global Soil Partnership, has promoted sustainable soil and water management for food security at the regional and global level. Thailand recently established the ‘Center of Excellence on Soil Research in Asia (CESRA)’ in collaboration with the Global Soil Partnership and with the Asian Soil Partnership. The Center will provide guidance for policy and decision-making, catalyze cooperation within the region and serve as **regional hub for capacity building in sustainable soil management.**
6. In addition, **the promotion of safe agriculture and organic agriculture** are the priorities of the Government of Thailand. We plan to increase the organic planting area into 208,000 hectare in year 2022.

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7. Innovative approaches may contribute to sustainable food systems but which approaches should be promoted is still being debated, particularly modern biotechnologies and digital technology. These approaches should be scrutinized and implemented under international agreement and national regulation.

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8. In conclusion, Thailand believes that agroecological and innovative approaches can achieve sustainable agriculture and food system. We are in the right way but we need strong collaboration.
9. Thailand is willing to transfer knowledge and experience in agriculture to Member States through the South-South and Triangular Cooperation or the Partnership Program between the FAO and Thailand.

Thank you very much.