

**Draft Intervention for Prime Minister at the G20 Summit
Agenda 1: Strengthening Policy Coordination and
Breaking a New Path for Growth
5 September 2016, 10.00 – 12.00 hrs., Hangzhou, China**

President Xi,
Honorable participants,

First of all, I wish to **thank our host for the welcoming dinner** last night which we very much enjoyed and for the spectacular cultural show, which was a truly seamless and innovative blend of Chinese and Western cultures and civilizations.

I wish to **thank** the Government of the People's Republic of China for inviting Thailand, **in our capacity as Chair of the Group of 77 and China (G77)**, to this meeting, which has placed development high on the agenda. This shows China's constructive role as **bridge builder between the G20 and the G77** which is also in line with Thailand's and the G77's priorities.

I wish to **commend China and the United States** for their leadership in **ratifying the Paris Agreement**, which is indeed good news for all of us and our efforts to address climate change.

As we meet, world economic growth continues to be sluggish and we continue to face challenges in diverse areas. We must, therefore, work together more and leave no one behind. We must join forces to create new forms of partnership to build a new "vehicle of growth for the 21st century" to truly break a new path for growth for the world economy. So we must build global partnership through North-South, South-South and Trilateral cooperation arrangements. Developed and developing countries must give each other support. This is, in fact, the key agenda under Thailand's G77 Chairmanship.

So to spur growth in the world economy, I believe that we must take action in the following 3 areas:

First, we must strengthen policy coordination and enhance concrete cooperation between the G20 and the G77 to create opportunities and choice for

all, without marginalizing developing countries, as we are doing this year at this meeting. And we should continue to do to ensure that our economic policies are well-coordinated, balanced, mutually reinforcing, promote anti-dumping measures, do not pose obstacles to trade and maintain the policy space that governments need.

Second, we must continue to advance structural reforms in our own countries, emphasizing:

One, human resource development because our peoples should be in the driver's seat of this new "vehicle of growth" and are able to take us safely to our destination. So education and skill development to meet the needs of the labor market are key, which is an area Thailand has been working on with some G20 countries, such as Germany and Japan, and would like to do so with many other countries.

We must also emphasize the use of technology and innovation to help us break a new path for growth. Education, research and development, creating incentives for the private sector to innovate will, therefore, be crucial and will help to close the digital gap. The G20 should work with the G77 in identifying each country's potentials and strengths to create a common value chain, to develop products from local resources and traditional knowledge; to create a regional brand, perhaps a G77 brand, for example, as an alternative for our consumers, which can help to increase incomes in the agricultural sector, which is the economic backbone of many developing countries. Doing this would also help to expand the labor market. For our part, Thailand is promoting industries of the future, such as through our "**Food Innopolis**" project, where innovation is fused with food processing to add higher value to agricultural products. Examples here include food for the elderly and health foods.

SMEs, as important generators of employment and innovation, should also be promoted. We should boost SME capacities, helping 3 million SMEs to integrate into the global value chain. This means equipping them with the necessary know-how as regards using IT, market access, access to finance and credit, tax incentives, and IP protection.

And the 3rd area in which we must take action to stimulate growth is to encourage the participation of all stockholders through the **People Public Private Partnership (PPPP) Model** to build strength from within and to reduce

disparities, which is the approach Thailand is taking to resolve domestic problems in parallel with other development efforts for the country's future. And after our recent successful Referendum on the Constitution, we will hold general election next year, in 2017, in accordance with our referendum.

And lastly, I wish to register my support for the G20's structural reforms agenda, which emphasizes strong, sustainable and balanced growth. And, as G77 Chair, I ask that the G20 to join us and support us by sharing your experiences and available resources in driving this new "Vehicle of Growth" in a sustainable manner, without leaving anyone behind. Let us indeed resolve to be stronger together.

Thank you.

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