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Preface

The Convention on Biological Diversity, since its adoption, has become the major instrument in protecting biodiversity and its components worldwide. Its provisions are landmark measures adopted by many countries for effective management of Biological resources. Recognizing this fact, Thailand has long attempted to find the most appropriate adoption of the Convention for the best interest of the country.

The Office of Environmental Policy and Planning, the national focal point for Convention on Biological Diversity, is pleased to present the second Thailand's national report on the implementation of the Convention. The report is a compilation of progresses and success achieved through the National Policy, Strategies and Action Plan on Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity (NBSAP), 1998-2002, which have stimulated overwhelming contributions from relevant agencies toward the development of the new NBSAP, 2003-2007. The report also addresses the country's efforts in managing biosafety issues in accordance to the Cartagena Protocol, and in capacity building of institutions and human resources for conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity which is also the priority agenda of Thailand.

The significant progress in implementing the Convention on Biological Diversity in

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Thailand is the result of cooperation among relevant agencies under the supervision of the National Committee on the Convention on Biological Diversity. In this regard, the Office of Environmental Policy and Planning would like to extend the sincerest gratitude to Mr. Petipong Pungbun Na Ayutya, the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives and the Chairman of the National Committee on the Convention on Biological Diversity. The Office would like as well to express our thanks to the members of the National Committee, in particular Dr. Banpot Napompeth, the Chairman of the Working Group on Drafting of the National Report, and Dr. Utis Kutintara, the Chairman of the Working Group on formulation of the NBSAP, 2003-2007, for their contribution toward the implementation of the Convention and development of this national report. Thanks are due to Mr. Donald Gordon ARCBC expert who assisted in summarizing the work carried out under the topic Information Management and Networking.

The Office of Environmental Policy and Planning hopes that the national report will benefit the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity and relevant organizations both in the country and overseas, in monitoring the progresses implementated through obligations under the Convention and further enhance the cooperation on conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity at the national, regional and international levels.

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