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I. General Statement

Water means a lot to human. It affects the evolution of human civilization as well as the economic activities. But most importantly, it is the fundamental things for survival. Up to now, we have set many development goals to reach a more prosperous world environment, though, the progress is slow. Many People in developing countries keep struggling in finding sufficient clean water sources. Every 21 seconds, a child dies from a water-related illness ¹ (UNICEF, WHO 2009). Speeding up the clean water accessibility is particular important in these regions.

Thailand presents water and waste-water technology exhibition platform for business. It is not only in Thailand, but for all countries in ASEAN region. Thailand also supports research and development of engineering planning, design and construction of various waste water treatment. Thailand is currently upgrading a more stable and sophisticated water supply system for Thailand citizens.

Thailand has signed the UN Watercourses Convention. Thailand emphasizes the importance of self-initiative, but suggests that a time limit should be set for the work.

II. General Statement

Thailand believes financial and technical assistance are two effective ways in solving problems in developing countries. Thailand agrees to finance part of the researching and implementation cost. Thailand also encourages sending hydrographic specialists to help the impoverished find new water sources and asking Water/Sanitation Engineer to ensure safety potable water. Added to these is the promotion of using safe water and treat it as a habit at regional level.

¹ Estimated with data from Diarrhoea: Why children are still dying and what can be done. UNICEF, WHO 2009