Mr. Chairman,

My delegation joins in commending you and the Bureau for your untiring efforts which have allowed us to make progress in the work of the PrepCom. We also congratulate and thank you for your latest draft paper dated 27th June on the implementation and final provisions.

Mr. Chairman,

Thailand views the implementation mechanism as the heart of the treaty. Implementation is integral to making any treaty effective.

- From recent discussions on criteria and parameters of the ATT in both PrepCom 1 and 2, Thailand envisions an implementation mechanism that would provide an operational framework for translating the treaty into a reality. For instance, each parameter commands a multitude of interpretations. As such, they will require an implementation mechanism that can provide objective and fair interpretations of these elements. In this light, we may need to ask ourselves a couple of questions:
  - One, what would be the elements of such an implementation mechanism?
  - Two, would it, and should it, cover dispute settlement, transfer denial, international cooperation and assistance mechanism and a monitoring of compliance?

Mr. Chairman,

- Thailand is pleased to see that some of these mechanisms being incorporated into your latest draft paper already. However, various differences on these crucial parts of the treaty will have to be worked out in order to arrive at
consensus. Thailand is of the view that properly functioning implementation mechanism can prevent the use of the treaty as a justification for protectionist trade policies or as a pre-cursor to internal interference.

- Another important point in implementing the treaty is recognizing the need for international cooperation and technical assistance, especially for countries needing an extra hand and wishing to receive such assistance. New standards and technologies in custom procedures, record-keeping, reporting and transparency, developing efficient national legislation and organization, law enforcement capabilities and transfers of technical knowledge can benefit from international sharing and cooperation. Thailand believes that a transparent mechanism in the form of a comprehensive database will be able to efficiently, and transparently, match needs with expertise.

Lastly, my delegation welcomes the inclusion of the Implementation Support Unit in your paper.

Thank you. Mr. Chairman