**The Cabinet met on Tuesday, October 3, 2017, at Command Building I, Government House. Some of the resolutions are as follows:**

**Title: Draft Enhancement and Conservation of the National Environmental Quality Act, B.E….**

The cabinet approved in principle draft Enhancement and Conservation of the National Environmental Quality Act, B.E…., as proposed by Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, and ordered for the draft Act to be forwarded to Office of the Council of State for urgent deliberation.

Draft Enhancement and Conservation of the National Environmental Quality Act, B.E…. is an amendment of the Enhancement and Conservation of the National Environmental Quality Act, B.E. 2535 (1992). Some of the amendments are as follows:

1. Expand scope of Conservation Areas or environmentally protected areas to cover special economic zones, continental shelves, and high sea where Thailand has its rights and duty to enhance and conserve environment without contradicting to the international laws or the agreements made with other countries.
2. Registration of individuals to promote public participation in enhancing and conserving environment.
3. National Environment Board is to prescribe Environmental Quality Standards of water, air, noise and vibration, soil and sediments.
4. Revise sources of environmental fund.
5. Amend criteria, procedures, and condition on the preparation of environmental impact assessment report
6. Etc.

**Title: Request for approval on ratification of BIMSTEC Convention on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters**

The cabinet approved proposals made by National Security Council (NSC) as follows:

1. Approved draft BIMSTEC Convention on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters.
2. Delegate Minister of Foreign Affairs, as representative of the Thai Government, to sign and ratify the aforementioned BIMSTEC Convention, and approved for NSC to proceed with the amendments, where gist of the document is not affected, without further submission for the cabinet’s consideration.

BIMSTEC Convention on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters specifies scope of legal assistance in criminal matters, such as identification of individuals and evidences, documentation, information sharing, etc.

**Title: Draft Statement of 4th OECD Development Centre High Level Meeting**

The cabinet approved Draft Statement of 4th OECD Development Centre (DEV) High Level Meeting, as proposed by Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and delegate PM’s Office Minister Suwit Maesincee or his representative to endorse the draft statement. Should there be an amendment, if not affecting gist of the document or against Thailand’s interests, Ministry of Foreign Affairs is to proceed without resubmitting the document to the cabinet.

In the Draft Statement of 4th OECD Development Centre High Level Meeting, DEV strategies are set on the issues of 1) transition development, 2) migration and development, and 3) gender equality.