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1. The Commission had before it a note by the secretariat entitled “Dates, venue and theme topic for the sixty-ninth session of the Commission (2013)” (E/ESCAP/68/20).
2. The representative of Thailand made a statement.
3. The Commission decided to hold its sixty-ninth session in Bangkok in April/May 2013. The exact dates would be determined in consultation with the Advisory Committee of Permanent Representatives and Other Representatives Designated by Members of the Commission. The delegation of Thailand expressed its satisfaction with the Commission’s decision to hold the sixty-ninth session in the United Nations Conference Centre in Bangkok. It also offered to facilitate the logistical arrangements and to render other support to the secretariat as and when it would be required to ensure the success of the sixty-ninth session.
4. One delegation expressed a preference that the theme topic be on the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20). However, it would join the consensus of the meeting.
5. The Commission endorsed “Opportunities to build resilience to natural disasters and major economic crises” as the theme topic for its sixty-ninth session.