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Statement of Thai Delegation
Delivered by Mr. Natapanu Nopakun, Counsellor
On the Universal Periodic Review of Algeria
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Madame President,

Thailand welcomes the Algerian delegation to the UPR working group.

We note that Algeria has embarked on a major reform process which will lead to the Constitutional revision. We encourage the government to take this opportunity to further consolidate democracy, rule of law, independence of judiciary and respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms of its citizen, with equal emphasis for both civil and political rights and economic, social and cultural rights.

We welcome the progress made in the areas of participation of women in politics and decision making, especially the allotment of quota for woman representatives in the national assembly. At the same time, we would like to **recommend** that Algeria intensifies its efforts in promoting equal opportunity and treatment for women in other aspects, such as employment, education and family life, as well as to adopt necessary legislations to prohibit and criminalize all forms of violence against women and domestic violence.

We also welcome the progress made in achieving MDGs in the areas of health and education, but note that challenges still lie in regional disparities. Thailand therefore **recommends** Algeria to enhance access to primary health care and education for people in the South, with an aim to achieve universal access for all.

Thank you, Madame President.
