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Madame President,

Thailand welcomes the delegation of Bahrain to the UPR Working Group and the presentation of their report today.

We are pleased to learn the implementation of many accepted recommendations and pledges from the first UPR: among others, the ratification of the CRPD. We also welcome the appointment of the Minister of State for Human Rights, and the visits by both the High Commissioner and the OHCHR as steps towards establishing effective mechanisms to guarantee fundamental rights and freedoms. Moreover, we take note with appreciation of the anti-trafficking policies and encourage stronger promotion and protection of the rights of migrant workers.

My delegation commends the constructive national dialogue and reconciliation following the political events last year, including His Majesty's ratification of the Constitutional Amendments, provision of remedies and the appointment of the Bahrain Independent Commission of Inquiry or BICI. At the same time, we encourage Bahrain to address any remaining allegations of human rights violations, including unfair trials.

The conclusion of the BICI report is noteworthy and it is our hope that it would pave the way for political reforms and successful national reconciliation. In this regard, we recommend Bahrain to fully implement the recommendations of the BICI report, in close consultation with all relevant stakeholders.

Lastly, Thailand reiterates our full support for the Government of Bahrain's determination to bring together all parts of society to meet the shared aspirations and move the country forward. We urge all parties concerned in Bahrain to participate in the reform and reconciliation process so as to achieve a more prosperous future for Bahrain.

Thank you, Madame President.

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