

**Statement by Mr. Krerkan Roekchamnong**  
**Ambassador, Deputy Permanent Representative of Thailand**  
**On the Universal Periodic Review of India**  
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Madame President,

Thailand congratulates India for concrete progress made since the last review, especially in the areas of poverty alleviation, right to education, health, food, work, housing, water and sanitation.

We commend the government for putting in place an impressive range of measures to eliminate discriminations against and empower marginalized and vulnerable groups, in particular women, children as well as people of scheduled castes (SCs), scheduled tribes (STs) and other backward classes (OBCs), to enable them to enjoy an equitable share of benefits from the country's rapid economic growth.

We **recommend** the government to continue such efforts particularly by (1) ensuring effective implementations of relevant laws and measures through proper and active coordination among line ministries, national and state governments; (2) extending disaggregated data to caste, gender, religion, status and region; and (3) increasing sensitization and reducing discriminatory attitudes among law enforcement officers through human rights education and training.

We further **recommend** India to further promote equal access to justice for all, including by (1) reducing backlog and delays in the administration of cases in court, (2) providing more legal aids to the poor and marginalized, as well as (3) increasing the use of alternative measures to the pre-trial detention.

Lastly, we are particularly interested in the progressive role played by the Supreme Court of Justice in the advancement of human rights in the country, which is very unique and inspiring. We hope the Council could learn more about this good practice directly from the judiciary branch of India in the future.

Thank you, Madame President.

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