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Statement by Thailand
On the Universal Periodic Review of Morocco
22 May 2012

Madame President,

Thailand has carefully studied the national UPR report of Morocco and found that it is an exemplary one in terms of structure, substance and objectivity that other countries may learn from.

We congratulate Morocco for concrete progress made in the promotion and protection of human rights of its citizens, especially the explicit guarantees of human rights and fundamental freedoms in the new Constitution, the additional ratification of various international human rights instruments, the withdrawal of reservations to CEDAW, the development of a range of human rights institutions at the national level, including the National Human Rights Council, and the reform of justice system.

Much progress has also been made in the areas of right to education, health, work, combating poverty and exclusion, women and children's rights and rights of person with disabilities.

As we believe women and the young generation could be strong driving forces for further development and prosperity of the country, Thailand would like to **recommends** Morocco to consider prioritizing and stepping ups its efforts in the areas of (1) promoting gender equality and parity and preventing violence against women, (2) addressing unemployment among young people and (3) ensuring better access to health care and education by women and girls, especially in rural areas.

Thank you, Madame President.
