

**Statement of Thai Delegation ( Ms. Pitchapa Chuenpridi )**  
**On the Universal Periodic Review of Poland**  
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Madame President,

Thailand warmly welcomes the delegation of Poland to the UPR Working Group. We commend Poland for concrete progress made in the implementation of UPR recommendations from the first cycle as described in the national report.

We are pleased to see that the government has taken many concrete steps to address racial discrimination and xenophobia, including the establishment of the office of Plenipotentiary for Equal Treatment, the development of National Programme against Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Racial Intolerance, and the adoption of the Act on Implementation of Certain European Union Provisions on Equal Treatment.

However, challenges may still remain, especially for Muslim, Roma and people of African origin, so we encourage the government to continue to eliminate de facto discrimination against these groups. In this regard, we **recommend** the government to put in place a legislation to criminalize the promotion of racial hatred and discrimination as well as to further promote tolerance through public awareness campaigns and education.

We commend the government for steps taken to eliminate discrimination against women, especially in the areas of employment and access to goods and services. We believe that gender equality should be promoted in all aspects of life and hence encourage the government to put in place a more comprehensive policy to eliminate discrimination against women and enhance its efforts to promote women advancement and their participation in public and political life.

On the final note, we recognize serious efforts of the government to counter exploitation of children and human trafficking. In this connection, we **recommend** the government to bring their domestic legislation relating to the protection of the rights of children, especially in cases of child prostitution, child pornography, and child victims of trafficking, in line with its obligations under the CRC.

Thank you, Madame President.

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