

**Statement by the Delegation of Thailand,
H.E. Mr. Pisanu Chanvitan,
Ambassador and Permanent Representative,
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Madame President,

Thailand welcomes the delegation of Tunisia to the UPR Working group today. We wish to begin by congratulating the people and Tunisian State on its national reconciliation and progressive transition following the political events last year.

At the same time, Thailand is pleased to learn the implementation of the accepted recommendations from the first UPR such as ratification of key international human rights instruments and invitations to the Special Procedures. Thailand shares the concerns with Tunisia about its challenges to promoting economic, social and cultural rights, and stands ready to exchange our experiences with Tunisia in this area. We also encourage Tunisia to further promote and protect the rights of all vulnerable groups, particularly women and children.

Finally, Thailand proposes to Tunisia the following recommendations. First, to continue to seek technical cooperation and assistance in the field of human rights education and training. Second, to introduce a comprehensive strategy to eliminate patriarchal attitudes and stereotypes that discriminate against women, protect media pluralism and guarantee freedom of speech and access to information and education.

Thank you, Madame President.

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