

Statement by the Delegation of Thailand
Mr. Pakawat Srisukwattana, Second Secretary,
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Mr. President,

Thailand welcomes the delegation of Botswana to the UPR Working Group and thanks them for the presentation made.

We commend Botswana's initiative to mainstream human rights into schools' curriculum and the importance it attaches to ensure equal opportunity and access to education for HIV/AIDS orphans.

Thailand is pleased to note Botswana's efforts to discourage practices, deeply-rooted in the country's customary laws, that are detrimental to women's rights and to further promote gender equality.

However, the challenges of the patriarchal attitudes and stereotypes vis-à-vis women remain largely perceptible in the society. Thailand therefore recommends Botswana to continue repealing discriminatory laws and to allocate adequate budget for the implementation of its National Gender Programme to ensure non-discrimination against women.

Moreover, on the rights of person living with HIV/AIDS and the treatment of the HIV-positive pregnant women, we would like to recommend Botswana to continue addressing the HIV/AIDS impact on women and children as a priority, in particular, the mother-to-child-transmission. We also urge the international community to lend necessary assistance to the Government of Botswana as requested.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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