

**Statement by the Delegation of Thailand,
Ms. Eksiri Pintaruchi, Minister Counsellor
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Mr. President,

Thailand welcomes the delegation of Liechtenstein to the UPR Working Group today and thanks them for their presentation.

We take note of the progress made in the implementation of recommendations from the first cycle of its UPR. In particular, we commend the inclusion of human rights promotion and protection as a key priority in Liechtenstein's domestic and foreign policy. We welcome, among others, the country's proactive legal and institutional framework to promote children's rights through the establishment of the Ombuds Office for Children and Young People, the appointment of the first Ombudsperson, and the creation of the Children and Youth Advisory Council.

Thailand also takes note of the steps taken at the domestic level which will lead to the ratification of core international human rights instruments, especially the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the rights of the child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and its Optional Protocol.

On its efforts to combat racism and racial discrimination, we note that much has been done to enhance awareness and to sensitize the public in this regard. In this connection, we wish to recommend that Liechtenstein take further steps to prevent discrimination against persons belonging to other ethnic origins including migrant workers and children.

With regard to the issue of trafficking in persons, we appreciate the support and assistance extended to victims of trafficking in persons, including the Project for potential Victims of Human Trafficking. Here, we recommend that temporary shelters be set up to ensure safety for victims of trafficking and provision of medical care, rehabilitation, return and reintegration programme.

Lastly, we wish Liechtenstein much success in its UPR process.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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