

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

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

Thailand applauds the commitment of the Government of Luxembourg to the promotion and protection of human rights. We are of the view that Luxembourg has a commendable record of human rights situation in general.

In particular, Thailand appreciates the efforts of Luxembourg to promote democracy, gender equality, the rights of persons with disabilities and the rights of children. We also take note of the ratification of the CRPD and the Optional Protocol of the CRC on the Sale of Children. We recommend Luxembourg to ratify the Optional Protocol of the CRC on a communications procedure.

Mr. President

Thailand commends Luxembourg's effort to improve of the process of consideration and reception of migrants and asylum seekers which has been recommended by a number of States during its first UPR cycle. Nevertheless, we observe a recent significant increase in the number of asylum applications. Therefore, we recommend Luxembourg to consider allocating adequate resources and staffs to meet this challenge.

Lastly, we wish the delegation of Luxembourg much success in the second cycle of its UPR.

Thank you, Mr. President.
