

**Statement by the Delegation of Thailand,  
H.E. Mr. Thani Thongphakdi,  
Ambassador and Permanent Representative,  
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Mr. President,

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

We are pleased to learn about the implementation of many accepted recommendations from the first UPR cycle, in particular, the ratification of the CRPD and the Optional Protocol to the CAT.

Thailand takes positive note of Romania's extensive efforts to reform the legal and judiciary framework to ensure basic rights for all, especially access to justice for victims of violence and human trafficking, as well as the enhancement of the condition of prisoners' detention.

We applaud the legal, administrative and educative measures taken to ensure the adequate prevention of children against any form of trafficking. In this connection, we recommend Romania to consider ratifying the Optional Protocol to the CRC on a communications procedure.

Despite the remaining challenges of stigmatization and discrimination against certain group of minorities, Thailand acknowledges Romania's efforts to combat discrimination and promote equal opportunities for marginalised groups, including the Roma minority, and would like to support Romania's continuing efforts to increase public awareness regarding multicultural diversity, harmony and tolerance.

We welcome the establishment of various institutions in this regard, in particular the National Council for Combating Discrimination and Ombudsman. We therefore recommend Romania to consider providing these institutions with adequate resources to carry out their work and to minimize the duplication of their functions and competence areas.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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