

**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 Serbia to the UPR session today and thanks them for the presentation made.

We commend Serbia's continual efforts on judicial reforms, in particular, the adoption of a number of new laws as part of its National Judicial Reform Strategy. We believe this is a significant step towards achieving a strengthened justice system. We also applaud its cooperation with the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia which reflects its commitment to maintain peace and stability in the region.

Given the importance Thailand attaches to the promotion and protection of the rights of persons with disabilities, we are pleased to note the adoption of the Law on Professional Rehabilitation and Employment of Persons with Disabilities which provides a comprehensive legal framework for their integration in the labour market.

Mr. President,

Thailand also note that Serbia has fulfilled its obligation under the CEDAW by adopting the Law and National Strategy for Improving the Position of Women and Promoting Gender Equality and its action plan for the period 2010-2015, to tackle discrimination against women.

On trafficking in persons, we note the extensive law encompassing special protection for victims of trafficking. In this connection, we wish to recommend that Serbia adopts comprehensive measures to ensure access to justice, provision of compensation and assistance to facilitate reintegration into local communities for victims of trafficking, particularly women and children. Towards this end, Thailand stands ready to exchange good practices on this issue. With particular attention to children, we also wish to recommend that Serbia develops a clear definition regarding the sales of children in the Penal Code and ensure its full enforcement with serious punishment for perpetrators.

Thank you, Mr. President.