

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

As a member of the Troika, Thailand warmly welcomes the delegation of Cuba to the UPR Working Group today and thanks them for the presentation made.

Thailand commends Cuba's effort towards achieving most targets of the MDGs, despite the various economic constraints faced. We recommend Cuba to further emphasize the quality and sustainability of the achieved targets and progress towards attaining the remaining goals.

We are pleased to note the free and universal education system of Cuba, as well as its efforts to provide free Universal Health Care to its population.

We commend the Government's efforts to promote the right to development and the right to food. We therefore recommend Cuba to continue ensuring the enjoyment of the right to food and food security for all.

Thank you, Mr. President.