

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

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

Thailand commends Malaysia for implementing all the recommendations accepted during its first review cycle and for its strong commitment to promoting the rule of law, human rights and widening democratic space in the country. As an ASEAN fellow member and a neighbouring country, Thailand also welcomes Malaysia's active engagement with and contribution to ASEAN human rights mechanisms, including AICHR and ACWC.

Additionally, we welcome the initiative on compulsory health insurance for foreign workers and the Government's strategies to provide health services access to all. We appreciate the initiatives to promote and protect the rights of children through the National Policy on Children among others. We are also pleased to note that Malaysia withdrew its reservation under the CRC and became Party to the first two Optional Protocols to the CRC.

In this connection, we wish to make two recommendations:

First, to consider becoming Party to the third CRC Optional Protocol on a communications procedure;

Second, to step up its efforts in ensuring universal access to affordable health services particularly for the poor, vulnerable and marginalized groups;

Thank you, Mr. President.

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