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Mr. President,

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

Thailand commends the Mexican Government for initiating constitutional amendments aimed at improving Human Rights in the country especially measures in the security and judicial fields.

The Victims Act of 2013 and the establishment of a national victims services system to provide redress for human rights violations mark a constructive step in the promotion and protection of human rights in the country. In this connection, we <u>recommend</u> Mexico to take necessary measures to adopt or improve subsidiary laws in the alignment of constitutional and legal amendments related to human rights' improvement.

## Mr. President,

We welcome Mexico's commitment to eradicate poverty as a matter of priority, including through close cooperation with civil society, as well as its initiative to extend social services, in particular access to education and food, to its population.

Thailand views that poverty eradication and education are interrelated and essential for sustainable development in the country. We therefore recommend Mexico to allocate appropriate financial and human resources to effectively implement its National Development Plan on poverty eradication and access to education.

Finally, we wish Mexico much success in the second cycle of its UPR review process.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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