

**Statement by the Delegation of Thailand,
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Mr. President,

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

Thailand welcomes Monaco's continuous efforts to put voluntary pledges into action since its first UPR review. We commend Monaco for its significant steps taken to promote women's and children's rights, and eliminate discrimination in education.

We applaud Monaco for the progress made to improve services for the disabled and accommodation adapted for persons with disabilities. We wish to encourage Monaco to take greater steps to advance the promotion and protection of persons with disabilities' rights. We, therefore, recommend Monaco to consider ratifying the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, with particular consideration for widening accessibility for all as mentioned in the article 9 of the Convention, in order that persons with disability could live independently and contribute to their local community.

Moreover, Thailand notes that there remain distinctions related to nationality and residence in legislation regarding employment, as well as the absence of legislation to protect the rights of foreign workers. We wish to urge Monaco to pay close attention to the issue. We recommend Monaco to strengthen the protection of foreign workers in the country, including through the revision of relevant legislation on their working conditions.

Lastly, we wish the Principality of Monaco much success in its second cycle of the UPR.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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