

Statement by H.E. Mr. Thongphane SAVANPHET, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Lao PDR to UNO in Geneva at the 18th Session of UPR Working Group, Human Rights Council.

Review of Cambodia on 28/ 1/ 2014 at 14.30h.

Mr. President,

As an ASEAN fellow country and an immediate neighbor, the Lao delegation warmly welcomes the delegation of Cambodia to the 18th session of the UPR Working Group and expresses appreciation for a comprehensive presentation of National Report for the Second cycle of UPR, which reveals the continued development in the efforts of the Government of Cambodia to improve human rights in the country.

The Lao delegation notes with appreciation that Cambodia has accepted all recommendations during its first review in 2009 and has made progress in the implementation of those recommendations. We also note that Cambodia continues working closely with other ASEAN fellow members to achieve further progress on human rights through an ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission for Human Rights and other related bodies.

We are pleased to note that Cambodia has already achieved nearly all MDGs targets and has experienced rapid improvement in social indicators after a decade of heavy investment in social and economic infrastructures.

In this connection, my delegation wishes to encourage the Government of Cambodia to further strengthen its cooperation with the UN, other International organizations and stakeholders to overcome the remaining constraints and challenges.

I thank you, Mr. President.