

Statement by the Delegation of Thailand
Mr. Natapanu Nopakun, Minister Counselor
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Mr. President,

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

We commend the Dominican Republic for its efforts in stepping up the promotion and protection of human rights in the country by strengthening domestic legislation and institutions, with an emphasis on closing socio-economic gaps and enhancing access to basic services for its population, particularly vulnerable groups.

We note the on-going reform of the public health sector. In this regard, we recommend the Dominican Republic to ensure universal access to health for all, by providing adequate funding in undertaking such a policy and allowing sufficient training for health personnel.

On the issue of gender equality, we applaud efforts made to enhance women's role in economic and political spheres, especially women's representation and equal participation in politics. Nevertheless, traditional stereotypes remain a challenge. Hence, we recommend the Dominican Republic to work with the media and civil society organizations in changing attitudes and combat discrimination against women.

Lastly, we wish Dominican Republic much success in its second UPR cycle.

Thank you, Mr. President.
