

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 New Zealand on 27/ 1/ 2014 at 9.00h.

Mr. President,

The Lao delegation warmly welcomes the delegation of New Zealand to the 18th session of the UPR Working Group and thanks for a comprehensive presentation of National Report for the Second cycle of UPR.

The Lao delegation notes with appreciation that New Zealand has had a long history of promoting and protecting human rights and is a party to almost all major international human rights instruments among other conventions. New Zealand is also a strong supporter of humanitarian initiatives.

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

I thank you, Mr. President.