

**Statement by the Delegation of Thailand,  
Mr. Natapanu Nopakun, Minister-Counsellor,  
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Mr. President,

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

We applaud the efforts and commitments Equatorial Guinea has undertaken following the first UPR cycle to improve the human rights situation in the country.

We note with appreciation the establishment of the Inter-Ministerial Commission on Human Rights to combat human trafficking and the Government's consideration to bring the National Human Rights Commission in line with the Paris Principles.

We also appreciate the country's accession to the OP-CEDAW and the Government's authorization to ratify OP-CRC on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography. We hope that Equatorial Guinea would be able to become Party to the two remaining OP-CRC in the near future.

Thailand commends Equatorial Guinea's efforts to reduce maternal and infant mortality rates and its initiative to empower women and girls, through the National Programme for education of adult, young and adolescent females.

We therefore recommend Equatorial Guinea to continue to ensure that all pregnant women are provided with diagnosis for HIV/AIDS and access to antiretroviral treatment free of charge, in order to prevent mother-to-child transmission. We also recommend Equatorial Guinea to step up its efforts to increase enrolment and completion rates for primary and secondary schools, especially for girls.

Thailand stands ready to share its experiences with Equatorial Guinea and encourage the international community to provide assistance and technical cooperation to the country as requested.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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