## Statement by the Delegation of Thailand, Mr. Krerkpan Roekchamnong, Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative, 19<sup>th</sup> Session of the Working Group on the UPR – Norway 28 April 2014

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Mr. President,

Thailand welcomes the progressive actions taken by the Norwegian Government to follow up on the recommendations received at the previous review, particularly accession to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, and the enactment of human-rights related legislations.

We note ongoing efforts to set up a new national human rights institution, and <u>recommend</u> Norway to accelerate its establishment with a mandate in accordance with the Paris Principles as a matter of priority.

We also commend Norway for the priority given to child's rights and note with interest the establishment of Children's Houses providing assistance to child victims of exploitation and abuse. We <u>recommend</u> Norway to consider improving services at these Children's Houses further, including by providing shelter for all children below 18 years of age, enhancing training programmes for professionals working with and protecting children, and expediting cases within the 14-day statutory deadline.

Thank you.