

**Statement by the Delegation of Thailand,
H.E. Mr. Thani Thongphakdi,
Ambassador and Permanent Representative,
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Mr. President,

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

We applaud the steps taken by the Government of Qatar to promote and protect human rights through various legislative reforms, the establishment of the Qatar Foundation for Social Action and the National Committee for the implementation of international humanitarian law, among others.

Thailand commends Qatar's humanitarian and developmental assistance offered to various countries in the region and internationally, including its role as a migrants-receiving State. Here, we appreciate Qatar's efforts in promoting and protecting the rights of migrant workers, including the reform of the sponsorship and exit system and steps taken to improve national labour laws and regulations. We recommend Qatar to ensure that the established hotline to respond to migrant workers' complaints provide, as much as possible, appropriate interpretation to migrant workers.

On the right to health, we appreciate the country's commitment to provide effective and affordable comprehensive healthcare for all. We therefore recommend Qatar to continue its efforts to achieve full universal health coverage, including for non-nationals, as part of its National Health Strategy.

Lastly, we welcome the establishment of the Qatari Foundation for the Protection of Women and Children and the standing invitation extended to all special procedure mandate holders.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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