

**Review of Bosnia and Herzegovina
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Statement by Thailand
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Mr. President,

We commend steps taken by Bosnia and Herzegovina to implement various recommendations from its first round of UPR as stipulated in the report. We recognize that the complex political structure and context of your country may have certain bearings on timely and effective implementation of those recommendations. Yet, we encourage the central government and relevant entities at all levels to continue to enhance its efforts for promotion and protection of all human rights in line with its international obligations and commitments as well as the European Convention on Human Rights to which the country is a party.

As pointed out by the government that more has to be done to strengthen its institutional capacities. We **recommend** the government to give priorities to the judicial system reform, especially to ensure equal access to justice, expeditious court proceeding and effective enforcement of court decisions, as well as to integrate human rights education in to professional training programs for judges and prosecutors.

Apart from the judiciary system, we believe the recently unified Institution of Ombudsman can play significant role in the promotion and protection of human rights. We hope that the amendment of the relevant legislations to ensure the Institution's compliance with the Paris Principles will be completed in a timely manner and encourage the government to allocate adequate resources for effective functioning of this body.

Lastly, in the multi-ethnic nation, education can be an important tool to promote equality, social inclusion, and national solidarity. We therefore **recommend** the government and local entities to expeditiously eliminate segregation and ethnic divisions in schools and promote multi-ethnic learning environment that will allow students to learn their own languages, cultures, histories and religions. We call for technical cooperation to assist Bosnia and Herzegovina in adopting the guidelines for implementation of the World Programmes for Human Rights Education.

Thank you, Mr. President.
