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**Statement by Thailand**  
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**UPR of Egypt**  
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**(Speaker 19/1 minute)**

Mr. President,

Thailand takes note of the efforts made by Egypt to promote and protect human rights despite the many challenges faced.

We commend Egypt's explicit recognition of various civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights in the new constitution, the adoption and amendment of several legislations and the creation of relevant institutions and mechanisms.

Going forward, we **recommend** Egypt to intensify efforts to empower and improve the status of women in society and adopt additional measures to eliminate all forms of discrimination against women, promote their literacy, ensure equal treatment and safe environment for women in the workplace and combat gender-based violence.

We also **recommend** Egypt to ensure the participation of all stakeholders, particularly women, youth and vulnerable groups, in the country's economic development, so as to foster an inclusive long-term economic growth and well-being for all.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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