Statement by the Delegation of Thailand Ms. Benjaporn Niyomnaitham, Second Secretary At the Review of Guinea During the 21st Session of the UPR Working Group 20 January 2015 at 9.00-12.00 hrs.

Mr. Vice-President,

Despite the internal political and economic challenges, Thailand commends the Government of Guinea's efforts in establishing the Ministry of Human Rights and Civil Liberties and reforming its normative and institutional frameworks, in particular, the integration of gender equality in various legislations and the promotion and protection of the rights of vulnerable groups.

We also welcome awareness raising initiatives of the Government of Guinea, especially in the area of women's rights. We look forward to the effective implementation of the national policies for the advancement of women and the increase in women public representation. Thailand recommends that Guinea continue its efforts in combatting violence against women and girls, in particular, the problems of female genital mutilation.

With the outbreak of Ebola in Guinea last year, Thailand shares concern of the international community regarding the inadequate health care infrastructure, especially in rural areas, as well as public awareness of the hygiene measures to be observed in order to fight against communicable diseases. We <u>recommend</u> the Government of Guinea to take necessary measures in increasing and improving the quality of health care facilities. The Government of Guinea may also consider implementing a Universal Health Coverage Scheme to guarantee access to health care for all.

Thank you, Mr. Vice-President.