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Thailand commends that, despite political challenges in the country, Guinea-Bissau has made notable progress in implementing recommendations from the first UPR Cycle, particularly on the criminalization of female genital mutilation and the passing of the Domestic Violence Act, as well as the adoption of national legislation on human trafficking. We recommend that the Government of Guinea-Bissau expedite the reform of its National Human Rights Commission and continue to support the implementation of the Commission's mandates with neutrality and impartiality.

There is a recent concern about sexual exploitation of minors which has occurred mainly in tourist areas. Thailand therefore recommends Guinea-Bissau to take the necessary steps to combat sexual trafficking and abuses of children, including through improving the judicial system, strengthening the relevant government institutions, and providing educational treatment and restorative support to the victims.

We stand ready to lend a hand to help Guinea-Bissau, through our homegrown Thai-Africa Initiative, in such areas as agriculture and animal husbandry, to enhance the country's food security and secure the people's right to food.
