

Statement by the Delegation of Thailand
Mr. Krerkpan Roekchamnong
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Mr. President,

Thailand welcomes the delegation of Sweden to the UPR Working Group today and thanks them for the report delivered.

Thailand commends the significant progress made by Sweden to incorporate its international human rights obligations into national legislation, in particular the recent appointment of a commission tasked with integrating the Convention on the Rights of the Child into Swedish laws. We welcome the establishment of the Office of the Equality Ombudsman to combat various forms of discrimination in the Swedish society more effectively.

Despite the Government of Sweden's enhanced efforts to fight xenophobia, hate crimes and online racism continue to proliferate. Thailand therefore recommends that Sweden take the necessary steps to curb racist propaganda, including on the internet.

We recommend that the Government of Sweden strengthen its investigations of sex crimes committed overseas by Swedish nationals and ensure that those who travel abroad to purchase sexual services, especially from children, can be prosecuted in Sweden.

Thank you, Mr. President.
