

Statement by the Delegation of Thailand
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Thailand commends Honduras on the achievements made and the efforts undertaken in implementing the accepted recommendations from the first UPR Cycle, in particular the establishment of the Ministry of Justice and Human Rights and the revision of several domestic laws to bring them in line with the international human rights standards.

We welcome the steps taken by Honduras to further promote and protect the rights of women and children, and encourage the Government of Honduras to consider ratifying the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) and the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC).

We take positive note of the reduction of murder rate in Honduras over the past three years and recommend the Government of Honduras to further tighten its regulation on civilian possession of weapons and firearms, enhance oversight on private security companies, and put in place stronger safeguards to protect the safety of Honduran citizens, especially in the conflict in the Aguán River Valley.

Thailand applauds the enactment of the new Basic Education Act in Honduras which provides free and compulsory education for all up to the secondary level. We recommend Honduras to take additional measures to prevent the poor and marginalized children from early entry into the labor market and provide incentives for them to enroll in school.