

Statement by the Delegation of Thailand
Ambassador Thani Thongphakdi
Permanent Representative of Thailand
at the Review of Austria
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Mr. Vice-President,

Thailand congratulates Austria on its accession to the ICPED and OP-CAT. We welcome the appointment of the Austrian Ombudsman Board (AOB) as a national human rights institution. We also appreciate the joint effort between Thailand and Austria in the development and subsequent adoption of the UN Model Strategies and Practical Measures on the Elimination of Violence against Children in the Field of Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and look forward to cooperating closely with Austria in promoting its implementation.

Thailand is concerned about discrimination against women and gender-stereotypes that still continue in the Austrian labor market. We therefore recommend the Government of Austria to step up efforts to close the gender pay gap.

We are also concerned at the numerous incidents of xenophobic violence and racial discrimination in Austria. We recommend that the Government of Austria take the necessary steps to combat racial hatred and promote tolerance toward persons of different ethnic origins.

I thank you, Mr. Vice-President.