**Statement by the Delegation of Thailand**

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Mr. President,

Thailand welcomes the Myanmar Delegation headed by H.E. Dr. Tun Shin, Attorney-General of Myanmar, to the second UPR Cycle. We commend the tangible progress made by Myanmar since the first UPR, in particular, through constitutional and legislative reforms, the establishment of Myanmar National Human Rights Commission and the protection of the rights of vulnerable groups.

We encourage Myanmar to continue its reform efforts and maintain its engagement with the international community in implementing its human rights obligations.

To this end, we recommend Myanmar to step up its efforts and cooperate with relevant countries and international partners, to address the situation in Rakhine State at its root causes, and to combat people smuggling and human trafficking.

Furthermore, Thailand recommends Myanmar to ensure that its human rights agencies, including the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission and the Myanmar Press Council, are able to function as effective and independent agencies.

Thailand, as a neighbouring country of Myanmar and fellow member of ASEAN, fully supports the on-going process of democratisation. We welcome the recent signing of the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement with various ethnic armed groups and look forward to an early and inclusive Political Dialogue, which will pave way for a lasting peace.

Lastly, Thailand stands ready to cooperate with Myanmar in its effort to advance the human rights of its people. We wish Myanmar all the success in the upcoming general elections.

I thank you, Mr. President.