

Statement by the Delegation of Thailand

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Mr. President,

Thailand welcomes the delegation of Nepal to the second UPR Cycle. We appreciate the progress made by the Government of Nepal in poverty alleviation, housing programmes and improvement of social and economic rights. It remains important that the most disadvantaged and marginalized groups be prioritized in policies and strategies on access to resources to ensure that they are not left behind, particularly with regard to their right to adequate food.

In light of the tragic earthquake earlier this year, Thailand expresses its solidarity with the people of Nepal. We encourage the Government of Nepal, in its reconstruction effort, to ensure non-discriminatory access to relief supplies and inclusive participation in decisions on reconstruction.

Thailand remains concerned about numerous reports of caste-based violence and discrimination against women, especially, indigenous women. We, therefore, recommend Nepal to strengthen its efforts to effectively implement existing laws and policies to eliminate all forms of discrimination.

Thailand welcomes the adoption in 2014 of the National Health Policy and the Health Insurance Directives. We recommend Nepal to improve access to affordable healthcare for all through the effective implementation of its policy and directives.

I thank you, Mr. President.