

Statement by the Delegation of Thailand
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Mr. President,

Thailand welcomes the Latvian delegation to the second UPR cycle. We commend the significant progress made by the Government of Latvia in implementing the recommendations from the first UPR cycle, in particular the amendment of national legislations and the development of domestic institutional frameworks to advance human rights in the country.

We are still concerned at the reported racist speech and discrimination against vulnerable groups, including the Roma and individuals based on their sexual orientation and gender identity, as well as increased violence against minorities. We therefore recommend Latvia to continue its efforts in countering racist discourse in politics and in the media, fighting racially motivated crimes, and eliminating violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity.

We take note of the positive developments made in Latvia to enhance access to quality education for persons with disabilities and to encourage their participation in social projects. We further recommend the Government of Latvia to take the necessary steps to ensure that persons with disabilities have adequate means to participate in politics, especially in the electoral process.

I thank you, Mr. President.