Statement by the Delegation of Thailand

Ambassador Krerkpan Roekchamnong Deputy Permanent Representative of Thailand at the Review of Singapore

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Mr. President,

Thailand commends Singapore's achievements in preserving social harmony and enhancing social protection for its citizens.

We congratulate the country's accession to the CRPD, the UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, and the ASEAN Convention on the same matter. We <u>recommend</u> the Government of Singapore to consider acceding to the ICCPR and the ICESCR.

We support Singapore's efforts to safeguard the rights of foreign workers by strengthening the Employment of Foreign Manpower Act and <u>recommend</u> that the Government of Singapore take the necessary steps to prohibit employers from withholding their foreign workers' passports, travel documents, and work permits as well as to improve their access to comprehensive and affordable health services.

As a fellow ASEAN member, Thailand stands ready to work closely with Singapore to further promote and protect the human rights of peoples in our region.

I thank you, Mr. President.