

Statement by the Delegation of Thailand

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at the Review of Hungary

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Mr. President,

Thailand commends the achievements made by the Government of Hungary in implementing the recommendations from the first UPR Cycle, particularly the progress made in the implementation of the Bangkok Rules. We welcome the adoption of the Fundamental Law of Hungary and several domestic legislations to advance human rights in the country, especially the new Criminal Code which puts greater protection for minorities, and the new Fundamental Law, by which hate crimes will be monitored and reported immediately.

We note the widespread privatization of health services in Hungary and urge the Government of Hungary to ensure that its policy of privatization does not affect access to quality healthcare. We recommend that Hungary continue to enhance access to sexual and reproductive health services for women, in particular women with disabilities, women with low income, women with HIV/AIDS, and women living in the rural areas.

We encourage the Government of Hungary to continue its efforts to provide sufficient and adequate support services in local communities to enable persons with disabilities to live independently.

With regard to housing, Thailand commends the improved housing conditions of socially marginalized people, with the elaboration of the new Housing Strategy of the Segregated Settlements (2014-2020).

Lastly, given the current migration crisis, Thailand recommends Hungary to strengthen its measures to combat racism and discrimination in all its forms against migrants and asylum seekers.

I thank you, Mr. President.