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**Statement by the Delegation of Nepal at the interactive dialogue with the Delegation of Thailand during the 25<sup>th</sup> session of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review, 11 May 2016**

Mr. President,

Nepal warmly welcomes the delegation of Thailand.

We appreciate the efforts made by Thailand in implementation of the pledges and recommendations of its initial UPR report. Sincerity of efforts is manifest by the submission of a voluntary mid-term update on the progress in implementation in 2014. It is encouraging to note that Thailand ratified a number of international human rights treaties; withdrew reservations to different human rights instruments; enacted a number of human rights related legislations and put in place various national action plans in the recent years to create a strengthened environment for better enjoyment of human rights. We note that a de facto moratorium on death penalty is in place since 2009, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> National Human Rights Plan aims to abolish the death penalty.

Thailand's consistent progress in socio-economic development, and the people-centric and inclusive perspective of its development plans remain impressive. We commend Thailand's commitment to address political differences through the principles of democracy, rule of law and reconciliation process, and extend best wishes for successful completion of the constitution-making process.

While wishing Thailand a successful UPR, my delegation would like to recommend them to continue efforts to strengthen national human rights institutions and mechanisms.

I thank you.