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Review of Thailand

Intervention by Greece

Thank you Mr President,

We would like to warmly welcome the delegation of Thailand to the 25th UPR Session and note certain positive steps that are being taken regarding progress in Human Rights in the country. As it is evident from the National Report, the adoption of the 3rd National Plan of Action on Human Rights, in 2014, is paving the way for the abolition of capital punishment. On the other hand, Greece notes with concern the restrictions on the rights of free speech, association and peaceful assembly.

We would like to submit the following recommendations:

- End the prosecution of civilians in military courts, transfer all cases of civilians facing proceedings before military courts to civilian courts, order a retrial in civilian courts for all civilians convicted of an offence in military courts, and amend the martial law and the Military Court Act to prohibit the prosecution of civilians in military courts.
- Ensure that Section 4 and Section 6 of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act B.E. 2551 (2000) specifically defining the term "wrongful exploitation" complies with Article 3 of the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, especially Women and Children and increase the role of labor inspectors in identifying victims of human trafficking and prevent abusive working conditions, in line with the recommendations made by the 2012 report of the Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children.
- ensure that women and girls victims of domestic violence are promptly treated and protected and prosecute offenders.
- support the enactment of the draft Prevention and Suppression of Torture and Enforced Disappearance Act that is in full compliance with CAT and CED

Finally, we would therefore like to take this opportunity to wish to the Thai Delegation all the best to the implementation of the recommendations that they will receive today.

Thank you Mr President