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Thank you, Mr. President.

We welcome the distinguished delegation of Thailand and thank them for their national report and presentation.

Italy believes that the rule of law and the protection of human rights are crucial elements for promoting reconciliation and that the full respect of freedom of opinion and expression and freedom of assembly is essential for a vibrant and meaningful democratic transition. To this end, we **recommend** to repeal all legislation which undermines the freedom of expression and assembly and to ensure that all measures regarding these freedoms are consistent with Thailand's obligations under international law.

We note with appreciation the measures taken to enhance the protection of women's rights, such as those aimed at preventing and addressing sexual violations in the workplace, and the Amendment to article 397 of the Penal Code. With a view to increase progress on this matter, Italy **recommends** that Thailand establish an effective policy and legal framework to prevent and contrast all forms of discrimination and violence against women, including domestic violence, in order to ensure that women victims of violence receive adequate support and offenders are brought to justice.

Italy takes also note of the steps taken to increase the protection of children, especially as violence against children is mentioned in the national report as one of the big challenges Thailand is facing. We therefore **recommend** to ensure effective implementation of recent measures to prevent and contrast violence against children, both online and offline.

Italy also **recommends** that Thailand consider taking all necessary steps to establish a de jure moratorium, with a view to fully abolish the death penalty.

We wish Thailand a successful UPR.

Thank you.