

**Statement by the Delegation of Kazakhstan**  
**at the 25<sup>th</sup> Session of the UPR WG / UPR of Thailand**

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Kazakhstan extends a warm welcome to the distinguished delegation of Thailand participating in this UPR WG session, and thanks it for the presentation of the National Report.

We note with appreciation a number of positive steps taken by Thailand since its 1<sup>st</sup> UPR cycle to further improve its national human rights protection system. We refer, in particular, to the ratification of the UNTOC and its Protocol, to the signing of the UN Convention on Enforced Disappearances and to the adoption of a number of national legislative acts aimed to further strengthen the promotion and protection of human rights in the country. We welcome the issuance by Thailand of the standing invitation to special procedures mandate holders, and invite the Thai Government to respond positively to requested visits.

In the spirit of cooperation, the Republic of Kazakhstan would like to make the following recommendations for the kind consideration of Thailand:

- 1) Expedite the ratification of the UN Convention on Enforced Disappearances signed in 2012.
- 2) Consider ratifying the OP-CAT and the 1951 Refugee Convention.
- 3) Step up efforts to effectively combat violence against women and children.
- 4) Take concrete measures to eradicate child labour, and ensure boys' and girls' primary and secondary school completion.

Thank you!