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**Statement by H.E. Mr. Thongphane SAVANPHET
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Mr. President

As an immediate neighbor and an ASEAN fellow member, the Lao delegation warmly welcomes the distinguished delegation of the Kingdom of Thailand to the 25th Session of the UPR Working Group and would like to thank for a comprehensive presentation on the human rights in the country

My delegation commends efforts undertaken by the Government of Thailand in promoting and protecting human rights in the country by approving the 3rd National Human Rights Plan (2014-2018), and adopting and amending a number of national legislative frameworks related to human rights. We also commend Thailand for its active participation in the work of ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights and other Human Rights related mechanisms.

We welcomes progress made by Thailand in enhancing gender equality, women's empowerment, and promoting rights to work, rights to health and rights to education by annually allocating more than 20 percent of national budget for education.

My delegation wishes to make the following recommendations for consideration by Thailand:

- 1 To ensure equal access to education of vulnerable people including women, children and persons with disabilities, and
- 2 To advance women's empowerment, and greater representation of women in all sectors.

We wish Thailand every success in its Second Cycle of UPR.

I thank you, Mr. President