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Intervention by Denmark

Mr. President,

Denmark warmly welcomes the Kingdom of Thailand's delegation and thanks it for its presentation today.

While appreciating the de facto moratorium on the death penalty since 2009 and the fact that the government of Thailand has included abolition of the death penalty in the National Human Rights Action Plan for 2014-2018, Denmark notes with concern that the scope of crimes for which the death penalty is applicable has recently been broadened.

Denmark recommends that Thailand abolish the death penalty by law.

Denmark is also concerned about reports of arbitrary detention of individuals, especially government critics, and incommunicado detention without adequate safeguards against torture and other ill-treatment. Hence,

Denmark recommends Thailand to comply with its obligations under the ICCPR by putting an immediate end to the use of arbitrary detention.

Thailand has been a State party to the Convention against Torture (UNCAT) since 2007. Meanwhile cases of torture continue to be reported.

Denmark recommends Thailand to ratify the OPCAT and establish an independent, effective and well-resourced National Preventive Mechanism (NPM).

I thank you.