

UPR of Thailand

Statement by the Republic of Poland

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Mr. President,

Poland would like to thank the delegation of Thailand for their comprehensive national report and active participation in the second cycle of the UPR process.

We acknowledge Thailand's efforts undertaken to comply with the recommendations accepted during the first cycle of UPR.

Poland notes with appreciation the fact of issuing a standing invitation to the UN Special Procedures and the existence of the National Human Rights Plan for 2014-2018 which incorporates the UPR recommendation of the previous cycle.

Nevertheless, there is still a space for further improvement.

In this respect, Poland recommends that Thailand **ratifies international human rights treaties, in particular the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty, Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and other main relevant international instruments such as the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.**

Furthermore, the Polish delegation would like to recommend that Thailand **ensures that the National Human Rights Commission of Thailand is an independent institution and functions in a full compliance with the Paris Principles.**

Having in mind a crucial role of civil society for promotion, protection and advancement of human rights, we recommend that Thailand **engages a civil society in the follow-up implementation process of the UPR recommendations.**

Thank you for your attention.