



**Statement by Mr. Zahid Rastam, Deputy Permanent Representative,
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Mr. President,

My delegation warmly welcomes the delegation of Thailand to this session and congratulates them for the presentation of the report.

2. As a close neighbour and fellow Member of ASEAN, Malaysia acknowledges the achievements and notes the challenges faced by Thailand in the promotion and protection of human rights in the country. We also note that Thailand has made various efforts in the forms of new legislations, policies and programs notably in addressing the issue of trafficking in persons, and establishing social protection programs for the vulnerable groups.

3. We also note that despite the challenges faced, Thailand has taken actions to address, among others, the issue of trafficking in persons, human rights impact of economic development, and child sexual exploitation. We encourage Thailand to persevere in these efforts.

4. Malaysia views that several areas could be further considered in the future, including addressing inequality, promoting children's rights and achieving gender equality. In the spirit of constructive engagement, we wish to propose the following recommendations for the consideration of Thailand:

- 4.1. **One:** continue to undertake efforts to narrow the income gap within its society and improve good governance in pursuit of a comprehensive socioeconomic advancement;
- 4.2. **Two:** continue to mitigate and address issues concerning the worst forms of child labour and provide appropriate rehabilitation for the victims; and
- 4.3. **Three:** continue to adopt gender-responsive policies and programs to cultivate a conducive environment for women's development and empowerment.

We wish Thailand success for its future undertakings in the field of human rights.

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