

**STATEMENT BY SINGAPORE AT THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR) OF THAILAND AT THE 25<sup>TH</sup> UPR WORKING GROUP, 11 MAY 2016**

[Speaking time: 1 min 10s]

Mr President,

Singapore warmly welcomes the delegation of Thailand led by Permanent Secretary for Justice, Mr Charnchao Chaiyanukij to this UPR Working Group meeting.

Singapore commends the efforts by Thailand to implement its UPR recommendations through initiatives such as its 3<sup>rd</sup> *National Human Rights Plan (2014-2018)*. We also appreciate Thailand's contributions to the Human Rights Council to promote the exchange of experience and technical assistance in human rights.

Singapore welcomes Thailand's commitment to protect persons in vulnerable situations, such as the establishment of One Stop Crisis Centre (OSCC) to provide immediate social assistance to the most vulnerable groups, in particular children.

We **recommend** that Thailand continues to take steps to prevent and curb violence against children by ensuring the effective implementation of the *Policies and Strategies for the Prevention and Responses to Violence against Children and Youth (2015-2021)*, including at the provincial level.

Thai Prime Minister General Prayut Chan-o-cha declared in April 2015 that the prevention and suppression of trafficking in persons was a national agenda. We **recommend** that Thailand take all necessary legislative and enforcement measures to seriously combat trafficking rings and prosecute the perpetrators.

Last year, Singapore and Thailand celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations. We cooperate in many areas bilaterally and in ASEAN. Our leaders meet regularly, while economic and people-to-people ties are strong. We take this opportunity to wish Thailand every success in its national reforms and long-term development.

Thank you Mr President.