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**REVIEW OF THAILAND**

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Mr President,

South Africa welcomes the delegation of Thailand by ... and the presentation of its comprehensive national report. The country's reflection on its human rights challenges is notable.

South Africa commends the commitment of the Government on the promotion and protection of all human rights without discrimination. The promotion of economic, social and cultural rights has led Thailand to achieve several of the MDGs.

South Africa encourages Thailand to continue all efforts towards the promotion, protection and fulfilment of all human rights, including the Right to Development and recommends the following:

- 1) To withdraw its interpretative declaration on the Convention Elimination of Racial Discrimination and its reservation to article 4;
- 2) To give direct constitutional recognition to the rights enshrined in the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and to

- guarantee its enforceability by courts; and
- 3) To effectively implement the Gender Equality Act of 2015

We wish Thailand a very successful review during this Session.

I thank you.