

**THE KINGDOM OF SWAZILAND STATEMENT TO THE 25TH SESSION OF THE
UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW WORKING GROUP ON THAILAND PRESENTED
AT THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL IN GENEVA BY THE HON. MINISTER FOR
JUSTICE AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS - MR. EDGAR HILLARY - 11 MAY
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Mr. President,

My delegation is honoured to warmly welcome the distinguished delegation of the Kingdom of Thailand and congratulates the government for the great strides it has made to fulfill some of the UPR Working Group and Human Rights Council's recommendations raised in the first cycle in 2011.

Going through the current comprehensive National Report, one notes with gratitude the high level of commitment the Government and Civil Society Organisations have put in upholding, observing and ensuring that relevant national laws related to human rights were reviewed and re-enacted so that they fall within the scope and framework of international human rights standards.

The setting up and development of a National Action Plan in 2013 to serve as a guideline on the implementation of the accepted 134 UPR recommendations, is one of the clear political commitments demonstrated the Government of Thailand.

Mr. President, we note with satisfaction that since the first cycle review in 2011, a number of human rights related legislations have been either promulgated or amended to strengthen the promotion and protection of human rights in Thailand. These include the:

- (i) Gender Equality Act of 2015,

(ii) Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act of 2015,

(iii) Amendment of Vulnerable Persons Act of 2014 etc.

It is gratifying too to note that the Government continues to provide health insurance for all Thai nationals through various medical aid schemes. Registered migrant workers are not discriminated from this health service following a signed collaborative agreement with the International Organisation of Migrants (IOM) with the Thai Government in May 2015.

We wish Thailand successful deliberations in this review.

Thank You Mr. President.