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Review of Thailand

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Mr. President,

We welcome the High Level delegation of the Government of Thailand.

Egypt commends the progress that Thailand achieved in number of areas including developing a new human rights national action plan, promoting human rights for women and persons with disabilities, further enhancing access to the right to education and amending the criminal code on child pornography.

We take note that Thailand is in a stage of democratic transition and political reform that corresponds to its specific needs and challenges. We invite the delegation to share highlights of the status of human rights in the process of drafting the new constitution and the efforts aimed at ensuring the conformity of the new constitution with Thailand's international obligations.

In conclusion, we recommend the following to the kind consideration of the Government of Thailand:

- To consider ratifying the International Convention on the Rights of Migrant Workers and Members of their Families (ICRMW).
- 2- To take further steps to ensure that the National Human Rights Institution is in conformity with the Paris Principles.
- 3- To maintain its effective protection of the family as the natural and fundamental unit of the society.
- 4- To continue its efforts to eradicate child sex tourism including through strengthening the relevant penal legislative frameworks.

I thank you.