



**THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA**

**UGANDA'S STATEMENT**

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**Mr. President,**

Uganda welcomes the continued engagement of the Kingdom of Thailand with the UPR mechanisms.

We commend the Government for the measures taken to implement the recommendations that Thailand accepted at the first cycle of the UPR and we note that in areas where long-term interventions are required, further efforts are needed to fully achieve the agreed objectives.

**Mr. President,**

The report cites human trafficking as a major issue of concern in Thailand especially in illegal fishing activities. This includes forced labour as well as child pornography.

We also note the positive contributions of migrant workers to the economy of Thailand. However, this vulnerable group of people have faced widespread abuse and exploitation.

To address these concerns, Uganda recommends the following:

1. Ratify the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons.
2. Establish a special unit for the protection of children's rights.
3. Put in place legislations to protect migrant workers from abuse and exploitation.
4. Incorporate key human rights principles in the new constitution in line with the obligations of Thailand under international human rights law.

In conclusion, we wish the delegation of Thailand a fruitful review.

I thank you.