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Dialogue with THAILAND**

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**Mr. President,**

We would like to express our appreciation to the delegation of Thailand for its presentation.

We recognize Thailand's many achievements in the field of human rights. In particular, we welcome the approval of the 3rd National Human Rights Plan (2014-2018) and the adoption of legislation, including the Gender Equality Act of 2015, the Amendment to the 2008 Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act, the Justice Fund Act of 2015, the Protection of Vulnerable Persons Act of 2014, and the Amendment to the Criminal Code.

We also praise Thailand's efforts to promote economic, social and cultural rights, including achieving several MDGs, as well as steps to promote the rights of workers and persons with disabilities, protect children, including from child labour, and the elaboration of the Women's Development Plan (2012-2016).

The UAE recommends that Thailand:

1. Continue to strengthen measures to provide education of good quality, including the progressive expansion of compulsory education and enrolment for both girls and boys; and
2. Continue its efforts to ensure adequate protection for vulnerable persons living in difficult conditions.

**Thank you Mr. President.**