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STATEMENT OF VIET NAM

At the Review of the 2nd cycle UPR Report of Thailand
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Mr. President,

Viet Nam warmly welcomes the delegation of Thailand led by H.E. Mr. Charnchao Chaiyanukij, Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Justice to the 2nd UPR cycle and highly appreciate Thailand's recent achievements illustrated in the report. In particular, Viet Nam takes good note of the positive developments in the areas of poverty reduction, right to work, right to health and other economic, social and cultural rights. The attention paid by the Government and the people of Thailand to vulnerable groups is also remarkable.

Mr. President,

Viet Nam commends the efforts of Thailand in identifying and setting strategies to overcome challenges in national reform, which would create long-term foundation to the protection and promotion of human rights.

With that in mind, Viet Nam would like to put forward the following recommendations to Thailand:

1. Establish strategies and allocate resources aimed at achievement of SDGs, especially those related to poverty eradication, equal access to resources, rights to education and health care and rights of the vulnerable groups;
2. Further strengthen international human rights cooperation and dialogue, including through the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights.

As a close neighbor and a member of the ASEAN family, Viet Nam wishes Thailand all the best in the 2nd UPR cycle.

I thank you./.