

Statement by **AZERBAIJAN** UPR of Thailand

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Mr. President,

Azerbaijan warmly welcomes the delegation of Thailand to the UPR Working Group session and thanks for the comprehensive presentation of the national report.

Azerbaijan commends Thailand for further strengthening normative and institutional framework for the promotion and protection of human rights, since its first UPR, especially on gender equality, anti-trafficking in persons, access to justice, anti-corruption and protection of vulnerable persons.

Azerbaijan notes with appreciation that the promotion of economic, social and cultural rights has led Thailand to achieve several MDGs. We **recommend Thailand** to accelerate its efforts to achieve remaining targets, including ensuring boys' and girls' primary and secondary school completion, adopting environmental sustainable development, reducing infant mortality rate and improving the maternal health in remote areas, as well as achieving the SDGs.

Azerbaijan welcomes that Thailand ratified the UN Convention against Transnational Organised Crime and its Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, especially Women and Children. At the same time, Azerbaijan **recommends Thailand** to continue its accession to the core international human rights instruments.

Azerbaijan also positively notes the cooperation of Thailand with the special procedures mandate holders. Azerbaijan **recommends Thailand** to continue its active engagement with the human rights mechanisms of UN for the protection and promotion of human rights.

At the end, we wish the delegation of Thailand a very successful UPR process.

Thank you, Mr. President.