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Bangladesh statement on UPR of Thailand

Thank you Mr. President.

I welcome the delegation of Thailand.

Thailand has made serious stride in fulfilling its commitments for the promotion and protection of human rights in several areas. Actions in several areas like The Women's Development Plan (2012–2016), assistances to low income people affected by economic downturns and disasters, health insurance and access to health services for registered migrant workers and the agreement on the improvement of healthcare for both documented and undocumented migrant workers are noteworthy.

Mr. President, as a friendly country from Asia, Bangladesh fully appreciates the socio-economic stipulations and the challenges of Thailand. As mentioned in the national report, the country faces numerous challenges, in particular, being caught in a middle income trap, and widening inequality and unfair distribution of income among people. The Committee on ESCR expressed concern at the Gender Equality Act 2015, that permitted discrimination against women, inter alia, on grounds of national security.

Bangladesh recommends that Thailand:

1. Reviews its labour and migration laws to accommodate the demands for cheap, low- or semi-skilled labour and thereby provide for safe migration options; and
2. Continue its efforts to eliminate discrimination against women.

Thank you.
