



*Permanent Mission of Brazil to the United Nations Office
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Mr. President,

Brazil welcomes the delegation of Thailand to the UPR and thanks it for the presentation of its National Report.

We note with appreciation the adoption of the Gender Equality Act, in 2015, following one of the Brazilian recommendations during the UPR first cycle.

Brazil also commends Thailand's efforts to combat trafficking in persons and, in particular, for hosting two Special Meetings on Irregular Migration in the Indian Ocean.

We note with concern that, since 2014, the National Council for Peace and Order has issued orders that, together with the Lèse-Majesté Law and the new Public Assembly Act, seriously restrict

freedom of opinion and expression and freedom of assembly and association.

Recalling the incompatibility between the death penalty and human rights, we are also concerned by the recent expansion of criminal offenses that can be punished by death, as well as by the disproportionate share of drug-related crimes punished by the death sentence.

Brazil recommends that Thailand:

1. Repeal existing legislation that restrict freedoms of expression and of assembly, in accordance with Thailand's obligations under international human rights law; and
2. Take concrete steps towards abolishing the death penalty.

Thank you.