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**Statement by Brunei Darussalam at the review of Thailand
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Mr. President,

Brunei Darussalam warmly welcomes the delegation of Thailand, led by Mr. Charnchao Chaiyanukij, Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Justice, and thanks him for his presentation.

Brunei welcomes the firm commitment of Thailand to the promotion and protection of human rights of its people, especially vulnerable persons.

At this juncture, we welcome the Protection of Vulnerable Persons Act of 2014, which includes provisions of social welfare, housing, health care, education, and job opportunities for vulnerable groups.

We therefore **recommend** that the Government of Thailand effectively implements the Protection of Vulnerable Persons Act to ensure better protection for its vulnerable population.

Brunei Darussalam places great importance on the right to education for all. We acknowledge that challenges in education remain but we are pleased to note that the Government of Thailand allocates more than 20 per cent of its national budget for education.

We therefore **recommend** Thailand to continue its efforts to ensure that all children have access to education at all levels and all categories.

Finally, we would like to wish the Government and people of Thailand all the best in its UPR and we look forward to continue working closely with Thailand, through regional mechanisms such as the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR).

Thank you.

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