**Statement by the Delegation of Thailand**

**H.E. Mr. Sasiwat Wongsinsawat**

**Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative of Thailand**

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Mr. Vice-President,

Thailand warmly welcomes the delegation of Timor-Leste to the second cycle of   
the UPR. We commend the progress made by Timor-Leste since its first UPR, especially the strengthening of national institutions for the promotion and protection of the rights of vulnerable groups and economic, social and cultural rights.

Thailand commends the efforts of the Government of Timor-Leste in protecting   
the rights of the child by adopting a minimum age for employment as well as by improving child nutrition and food security through its school feeding programme, including through the cooperation with the Royal Initiated Projects by Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn of Thailand.

Thailand welcomes the establishment of a National Action Plan for Persons with Disabilities 2014-2018 and looks forward to its effective implementation. In this regard, we recommend Timor-Leste to ratify the CRPD in due course to strengthen its implementation framework in line with the Convention.

We also encourage Timor-Leste to further promote human rights education to   
the judicial, government and law enforcement officers. Moreover, Thailand recommends Timor-Leste to step up its efforts to provide adequate health facilities and comprehensive educations for all.

Lastly, Thailand stands ready to promote closer technical cooperation with   
Timor-Leste to enhance the promotion of human rights and sustainable development based on His Majesty King Bhumibol’s Sufficiency Economy Philosophy.

I thank you, Mr. Vice-President.