**Statement by the Delegation of Thailand**

**by H.E. Mr. Sek Wannamethee, Ambassador and Permanent Representative**

**at the Review of Bahrain**

**during the 27th Session of the Working Group on the UPR**

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Mr. President,

Thailand welcomes the Delegation of Bahrain and thank them for the detailed report.

Thailand commends Bahrain for establishing the National Institution for Human Rights and ensuring the institution’s legal, administrative and financial independence.

We welcome Bahrain’s implementation of the recommendations made by the Bahrain Independent Commission of Inquiry.

We acknowledge Bahrain’s efforts in promoting human rights training and capacity-building, especially for police and law enforcement officers. We also recognize the progress made in promoting gender equality and empowering women’s political, social and economic roles in the society.

Thailand recommends that Bahrain **further its work in empowering women, promoting gender equality and eliminating discrimination and violence against women and children by, *inter alia,* amending and promulgating relevant laws and implementing the National Plan for the Advancement of Bahraini Women.**

Thailand also recommends that Bahrain **continue to raise awareness of human rights among all groups particularly the younger generations through education, training and media communications.**

I thank you, Mr. President.