**Statement by the Delegation of Thailand**

**Mr. Sasiwat Wongsinsawat**

**Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative**

**at the Review of Ecuador**

**during the 27th Session of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review**

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Mr. Vice President,

Thailand welcomes and appreciates Ecuador’s comprehensive national report presentation.

We commend tangible progress made by Ecuador, particularly additional ratification of international human rights instruments, improvement of legislative frameworks to protect vulnerable groups, and efforts to eradicate poverty and narrow inequality gap.

While we applaud the establishment of the National Equality Councils, we remain concerned with continued discrimination on the basis of gender and races, especially against women, LGBTI persons, Afro-Ecuadorian Minority, and people with HIV.

Thailand recommends Ecuador to **intensify efforts to raise public awareness to end all forms of discrimination by providing human rights education and training for government agencies, media and the public and implementing campaigns to combat gender stereotypes and violence**.

We also recommend Ecuador to **step up efforts in ensuring access to quality education for all children, including those from minority groups and rural areas**.

Lastly, we welcome the development of “SIDERECHOS” to systematically implement human rights recommendations and hope that Ecuador continue to make use of the platform for this UPR cycle follow up.

I thank you, Mr. Vice President.

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