**Statement by the Delegation of Thailand**

**at the Review of South Africa**

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Mr. President,

Thailand congratulates South Africa for ratifying the international Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. We welcome the steps taken to address xenophobia and hate crimes, including the adoption of relevant laws and action plans.

We welcome the passage of a new law aimed at combatting trafficking in persons. Thailand, therefore, recommends **that South Africa closely cooperate with relevant governmental and non-governmental foreign agencies to tackle this problem and ensure that appropriate protection is rendered to various groups of victims including those of foreign nationals.**

We commend the efforts taken to curb the ongoing attacks on foreigners and wish to recommendthe Government of South Africa to **not only work to bring perpetrator to justice, but also establish dialogue among relevant stakeholders to address the root cause of xenophobia.**

I thank you, Mr. President.