**Statement by the Delegation of Thailand**

**Mr. Sasiwat Wongsinsawat**

**Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative**

**at the Review of the United Kingdom**

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

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Mr. President,

Thailand commends the UK’s commitment to human rights, as evidenced by
efforts such as the fight on violence against women and the development of
a National Action Plan on Business and Human Rights.

Thailand is concerned with a surge of hate-related crime. Most incidents were linked to racial and xenophobic motives. We recommend that **the UK Government, parliamentarians, human rights institutions and CSOs continue to work closely together in order to ensure that vulnerable groups such as ethnic and religious minorities, refugees and migrants are better protected against hate speech and hate-related crime and that they are provided with greater certainty and legal protection.**

We are also concerned with the proposal to repeal the 1998 Human Rights Act.
We recommend the UK to **continue its commitment to international human rights obligations and standards and ensure that the new bill of rights is drafted through broad-based consultations and embraces no less protection of human rights.**

I thank you, Mr. President.

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