**Statement by the Delegation of Thailand**

**H.E. Mr. Sek Wannamethee**

**Ambassador and Permanent Representative**

**at the Review of Pakistan**

**during the 28th Session of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review**

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Mr. President,

Thailand welcomes the Foreign Minister of Pakistan and his delegation to the third UPR review. We commend the establishment of the Ministry of Human Rights and the adoption of its first National Action Plan on Human Rights for a more robust promotion and protection of human rights in the country.

We applaud the amendment of the Criminal Law to increase the minimum age of criminal responsibility and the adoption of several laws to provide comprehensive protection to women against all types of discrimination and violence. We recommend Pakistan **to effectively enforce the existing as well as new laws to promote and protect the rights of women and children as well as religious minorities’ members, in order to promote tolerance and an inclusive society.**

We also recommend the Pakistani Government **to take measures to further promote the right to education, including by ensuring that school facilities and well-trained teachers are sufficiently provided throughout the country.**

I thank you, Mr. President.

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