**Statement by the Delegation of Thailand**

**Mr. Pongsiri Vorapongse, First Secretary**

**at the Review of Ukraine**

**during the 28th Session of the Working Group on the UPR**

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Mr. Vice President,

Thailand takes positive note of Ukraine’s overall progress in the promotion and protection of human rights, including the strengthening of its Ombudsperson’s Office in line with the Paris Principles.

We welcome the justice sector reform to ensure the independence of the judiciary and simplify the court system.

We welcome the appointment of the Commissioner for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the adoption of the national action plan to implement the CRPD.

We commend Ukraine for its continuing efforts to narrow the gender gap and empower women, including the establishment of the Office of the Commissioner for Gender Equality.

We note that violence against women, including domestic and sexual violence, still prevails.

Thailand recommends Ukraine to **provide adequate capacity-building programmes for judges, prosecutors and law enforcement officials, to better implement laws criminalizing violence against women and better assist and protect women victims of violence.**

Thailand also recommends that Ukraine **take measures to ensure respect for human rights for migrant workers, including by promoting constructive dialogues and capacity-building, with a view to achieving an efficient system of integration for migrant workers.**

Thank you, Mr. Vice President.