**Statement by the Delegation of Thailand**

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Madam President,

Thailand welcomes the progress made by Denmark since the second UPR cycle, in particular its achievements in gender equality and in transparency and fighting against corruption.

Thailand applauds Denmark’s strong and comprehensive welfare state. However, we remain concerned about the existing discrimination against migrant workers, including the adoption of Ghetto Legislation. We recommend that Denmark legislate on conditions of work and welfare, so as to ensure that minimum standards be applicable to all workers, especially those from non-European countries.

Thailand notes with concern about the detention of asylum-seeking families with children awaiting deportation. We recommend Denmark to step up its efforts to refrain from placing asylum-seeking children awaiting deportation in detention and consider utilizing alternatives to detention for them and for those unaccompanied children in immigration cases.

Thank you.

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