**39th session of the Universal Periodic Review**

**Review of Thailand**

**Statement of Ireland**

**10 November 2021**

Ireland warmly welcomes the delegation of Thailand and thanks it for its presentation today.

We acknowledge Thailand’s efforts to advance human rights domestically and commend progress made since the last UPR cycle, including ratification of the ILO’s Protocol to the Forced Labour Convention and the introduction of the National Action Plan on Business and Human Rights.

Ireland is concerned about the use of the Emergency Decree and the Public Assembly Act to limit civil and political rights.

Ireland makes the following recommendations:

1. End arbitrary detentions, arrests and any acts of harassment against political actors and civil society, including human rights defenders
2. Establish a moratorium on the death penalty, with a view to working towards total abolition.

We wish Thailand every success with this UPR cycle.

Thank you.

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