

**STATEMENT**

**Universal Periodic Review 39th session
Norway's statement during the 39th UPR session of the Human Rights Council on the human rights situation in Thailand
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**Madam President,**

**Norway welcomes Thailand's participation in the UPR, and notes that several positive steps have been taken since the previous review, including on the implementation of Thailand´s obligations under the Palermo Protocol on human trafficking.**

**Norway recommends that Thailand:**

1. **guarantees the rights to freedom of expression, association and peaceful assembly, and protects individuals, including political opponents, from judicial harassment;**
2. **reviews the lèse-majesté law to bring it into conformity with international standards, and to prevent it from being used to silence opponents;**
3. **ensures the protection of human rights defenders, including through prompt and thorough investigation of attacks;**
4. **ensures that the adoption of new NGO-legislation will not prevent or impede civil society organisations from operating securely and freely;**
5. **ratifies OP-CAT and ICPPED and accelerates the enactment of the Act on Torture and Enforced Disappearance.**
6. **Thank you.**