**STATEMENT BY THE PERMANENT MISSION OF SINGAPORE AT THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR) OF THAILAND AT THE 39TH UPR WORKING GROUP, 10 NOVEMBER 2021**

Mdm President,

 Singapore welcomes Thailand’s participation in the UPR process.

 Amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, Thailand has strengthened its healthcare system and pursued bilateral and multilateral cooperation to enhance its pandemic preparedness and response. We would like to commend Thailand for its focus on the accessibility and affordability of healthcare. **Singapore recommends that Thailand continue to pursue international cooperation on health matters and strengthen the resilience of its healthcare infrastructure.**

 Thailand has also demonstrated its commitment to ensure active ageing through the 3rd National Plan on the Elderly. Through skill development courses, older persons across the country will be able to upgrade their skillset if they choose to work. **Singapore recommends that Thailand implement a holistic strategy to ensure the economic empowerment of older persons.**

 Singapore wishes Thailand every success.

 Thank you.

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