**39th SESSION OF THE UPR WORKING GROUP**

**REVIEW OF THAILAND**

**10 November 2021**

**Statement of Croatia**

Madam President,

Croatia welcomes the delegation of Thailand and thanks them for the presentation of their report.

We welcome Thailand’s active role in the promotion of human rights at the Human Rights Council, including on the issue of child, early and forced marriage. We positively note the Government’s measures taken with a view of ensuring access to welfare for the vulnerable groups in society.

Croatia encourages the Government to continue its work on guaranteeing education for all, including creating more opportunities for persons with disabilities.

We have three recommendations:

1. **Conduct awareness-raising campaigns with the aim of educating the public on human rights and alternatives to death penalty.**
2. **Ensure that children cannot be legally married, especially to the perpetrators of rape and other forms of sexual violence and abuse.**
3. **Continue fighting human trafficking based on a victim-centred approach, with a special focus on the protection of children from all forms of punishment.**

Croatia wishes Thailand a successful review session.

I thank you.