**Statement by the Delegation of Thailand**

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Mr. President,

My delegation welcomes the delegation of the Republic of Korea to this UPR session and wishes the ROK a successful review.

Thailand acknowledges the ROK’s efforts in advancing business and human rights agenda and enhancing labour rights and working conditions of foreign workers. We also commend the improvement of the Employment Permit System and the enactment of the Act on the Prevention of Human Trafficking and the Protection of Victims. However, there is still room to do better.

For this reason, we recommend that the ROK:

1. Further enhance measures to promote and protect the rights of migrant workers, and investigate cases of both labour rights and human rights violations resulting from business activities; and

2. Improve effectiveness in the enforcement of labour-related laws particularly with respect to employers and recruitment agencies, as well as enhance understanding and appropriate treatment for undocumented migrant workers.

I thank you.

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