**Statement by the Delegation of Thailand**

**Mr. Sasiwat Wongsinsawat**

**Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative**

**at the Review of Israel**

**during the 29th Session of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review**

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Mr. President,

Thailand welcomes the delegation of Israel and appreciates the presentation of its national report.

We welcome several positive steps, such as the ratification of the Marrakesh Treaty to further promote the rights of persons with disabilities, and the efforts to combat trafficking in persons and prostitution.

To further promote and protect human rights of all people, we recommend Israel **to consider incorporate explicitly the principles of equality, gender equality and non-discrimination in its Basic Laws for all citizens**. We also recommend Israel **to consider establishing a national human rights institution that is in line with the Paris Principles**.

Lastly, Thailand supports the call by UN Secretary General regarding the situations in the Gaza strip and the West Bank, with a view to facilitating the Palestinian people’s right to development. Thailand reaffirms our support of the principle of a two-state solution and the UNSG’s efforts to support Palestine and Israel to return to meaningful negotiations in order to realize the vision of a lasting peace in the region.

I thank you, Mr. President.

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