**Statement by the Delegation of Thailand**

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Mr. President,

Thailand welcomes the delegation of Slovakia.

Thailand commends Slovakia’s positive developments in advancing human rights.

We applaud, among others, the implementation of the National Strategy for the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights, the establishment of the Office of the Commissioner for Children and that for Persons with Disabilities, the education law amendment to benefit students from disadvantaged backgrounds, and the steps taken to integrate Roma and other ethnic minorities into society and improve their welfare access.

Thailand also welcome a series of Slovakia’s action plans against violence against women and children, religious intolerance, gender inequality, and human trafficking.

Thailand recommends the following:

**First, intensify efforts to promote human rights education and training, taking into account the current and previous phases of the World Programme for Human Rights Education.**

**Second, effectively implement relevant strategies and action plans to address discrimination, racism and xenophobia faced by ethnic minorities, particularly Roma.**

We wish Slovakia every success in this UPR.

Thank you.

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