**Statement by the Delegation of Thailand**

**H.E. Mr. Phanpob Plangprayoon**

**Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative**

**at the Review of Portugal**

**during the 33rd Session of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review**

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Mr. President,

Thailand welcomes the delegation of Portugal to the third UPR cycle.

We commend the efforts of the Government of Portugal to mainstream human rights throughout its national administration and ensure that the implementation of SDGs at the national level is human rights-based. As a fellow member in the Group of Friends on NMIRFs, Thailand appreciates Portugal’s leading role in promoting the implementation agenda of relevant human rights recommendations to bring about concrete impacts on the ground.

Thailand recommends Portugal to **intensify its efforts to tackle hate speech, hate crime and discrimination against refugees, migrants and persons belonging to ethnic or religious minorities, including through education and awareness on cultural diversity and inter-ethnic understanding.**

We also recommend Portugal **to take measures to end detention of refugee, asylum-seeking and migrant children and adopt alternatives to detention that adhere to the principle of the best interests of the child and are in line with the CRC.**

I thank you.

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