**Statement by the Delegation of Thailand**

**Mr.Phanpob Plangprayoon, Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative**

**at the Review of Qatar**

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Mr. Vice President,

Thailand welcomes the delegation of Qatar to the UPR.

Thailand welcomes Qatar’s accession to the ICCPR and ICESCR, and the plan to introduce a national human rights action plan.

Thailand appreciates a series of legislative changes concerning the protection of the rights of migrant workers, including the abolishment of the Kafalah system. We welcome Qatar’s cooperation with the ILO in this area.

Thailand commends the provision of health cards that allow all residents to access government health services without discrimination.

Thailand recommends the following:

**First, further protect and promote the rights of migrant workers through effective labour laws, wage protection system and labour inspection system, as well as through sustained cooperation with the ILO.**

**Second, further promote women’s empowerment and participation in all spheres of society through the implementation of the Qatar National Vision 2030 based on the principle of equality between women and men.**

Thailand wishes Qatar every success in the UPR.

Thank you.

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