**Statement by the Delegation of Thailand**

**by H.E. Mr. Sek Wannamethee, Ambassador and Permanent Representative**

**at the Review of Italy**

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Mr. President,

Thailand welcomes the delegation of Italy to the UPR.

Thailand commends Italy’s adoption of the National Action Plan on Business and Human Rights, which incorporates the SDGs and has a focus on vulnerable groups.

Thailand welcomes Italy’s progress in promoting women empowerment, entrepreneurship, leadership and representation, and appreciates its commitment to tackling violence against women as reiterated in the National Strategic Plan on male violence against women. We support the ongoing assessment on new emergency facilities to ensure timely assistance for victims of violence.

Thailand commends Italy’s efforts in countering acts propagating racism and xenophobic intolerance, including on social media. We hope that there will be stronger collaboration from civil society organizations to address this issue.

Thailand welcomes the regional approach to implement temporary measures on migrants’ redistribution. The long-term and efficient system to disembark, redistribute and repatriate migrants is needed to sustainably cope with the unprecedented influx of migrants and refugees.

Thailand recommends the following for Italy’s consideration:

**First, further promote equal opportunities for women and address gender-based discrimination in the public and private sectors, with a view to closing the gender wage gap and enhance the career development of women.**

**Second, observe the principle of non-refoulement and provide humanitarian protection for all migrants, especially for those who are not eligible for refugee status but unable to return home.**

Thailand wishes Italy every success in the UPR.

Thank you.