**Statement by the Delegation of Thailand**

**at the Review of Kuwait**

**during the 35th Session of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review**

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Mr. President,

Thailand welcomes the delegation of Kuwait to its third UPR cycle.

We welcome Kuwait’s continuous efforts to empower women and protect their rights, in particular the inclusion of women in key decision-making positions in the economic, social and political spheres, and their full access to health and welfare services. To further promote and protect women’s rights, Thailand recommends Kuwait **to address all forms of discrimination and violence against women, including by promulgating effective laws to prevent, combat and criminalize domestic and gender-based violence simultaneously with setting up a mechanism to address for the victims.**

Thailand also commends Kuwait on its policy attempting to improve the rights of migrant workers; for example, the adoption of the Domestic Workers Act of 2015 which includes important provisions concerning the responsibilities of employers to their workers and the improvement of workers’ employment and living conditions. To ensure adequate legal protection and serious implementation of relevant laws, Thailand recommends Kuwait **to establish a mechanism to protect the rights of domestic workers and impose sanctions against employers who violate the rights of their employees.**

I thank you.

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