**Statement by the Delegation of Thailand**

**at the Review of Turkey**

**during the 35th Session of the Working Group on the UPR**

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Madam President,

Thailand welcomes the delegation of Turkey to the UPR.

Thailand recommends the following:

**First, implement relevant policies and action plans to advance gender equality and promote women’s empowerment and participation in political and economic decision-making processes.**

**Second, continue to take steps to promote and protect the rights of ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities, and combat discrimination, stereotypes and prejudice against minority groups.**

Thailand commends Turkey’s efforts to advance the rights of non-Muslim minorities, including the rights on their properties.

Thailand commends Turkey’s provision of humanitarian assistance to over 3.6 million Syrian refugees, including access to free health care and public education, both especially fundamental to the development of refugee children.

Thailand applauds several plans and initiatives to promote and protect the rights of persons with disabilities, including through inclusive higher education and accessible transportation services.

Thailand wishes Turkey every success in the UPR.

Thank you.

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