**Statement by the Delegation of Thailand**

**H.E. Mr. Sek Wannamethee**

**Ambassador and Permanent Representative**

**at the Review of Sweden**

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

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Mr. President,

Thailand commends Sweden’s longstanding advocacy for human rights in many areas such as gender equality, including through its feminist foreign policy.

Thailand welcomes the Prime Minister of Sweden’s announcement to establish   
an independent institution for the protection of human rights. We recommend Sweden **to expedite the process of setting up an independent national human rights institution in accordance with the Paris Principles.**

In addition to the adoption of the national plan to combat racism, similar forms of hostility and hate crime, we recommend Sweden **to take necessary and concrete actions to protect vulnerable groups and minorities from racist hate speech, violence and other hate crimes, including on the cyberspace.**

Lastly, we appreciate opportunities to learn from Sweden’s experience in many issues, such as business and human rights, refugee screening mechanism, and alternatives to detention for migrant children.

I thank you.

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