

**Statement by
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Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Justice
at the Adoption of the UPR Working Group Report on Thailand
during the 25th Session of the UPR Working Group
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Mr. President,

1. On behalf of the Thai delegation, I would like to express our sincere appreciation to the Troika, namely Maldives, El Salvador and France, as well as to the secretariat for their hard work in the preparation of the UPR Working Group Report on Thailand. I would also like to thank Her Excellency Ms. Hala Hameed, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Maldives for presenting the report on behalf of the Troika.
2. My delegation appreciates the constructive dialogue we had during the presentation of our national report. We thank all delegations for your encouragement and for the manner in which you respectably put forward your recommendations. Many recommendations are specific and practical and are already in line with our fundamental principles and policy direction.
3. From this review, we received a total of 249 recommendations. After consultations with relevant agencies, Thailand is pleased to announce that 181 recommendations receive our immediate support. These recommendations include a wide range of issues, from taking steps towards the ratification of additional human rights related treaties, such as the ICCPED and the OPCAT, the strengthening of human rights infrastructure and policy measures, to the advancement of human rights of various groups, such as children and women, and issues, such as education, healthcare and working conditions. We will bring back home the remaining recommendations, seriously consider them with agencies concerned, and inform our decision before the 33rd Session of the Human Rights Council this September.
4. In addition to the accepted recommendations, I have already mentioned in my Closing Statement the other day that Thailand would be making additional voluntary pledges. The details of these pledges will be included in the final UPR Working Group Report.

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5. Our report presentation has received high attention from the Government and the Thai public back home. The UPR process has become recognized and known widely in Thailand which will be useful for our further engagement with the public. This will help ensure an effective implementation of the accepted recommendations and voluntary pledges over the next four and a half years till the third cycle review. Thailand will also continue to follow our tradition in presenting a voluntary mid-term review.
6. In concluding, I would like to once again thank all delegations for your constructive participation. This reaffirms that the UPR is truly a peer review. We thank you for your goodwill and support in our endeavour to advance the human rights agenda in our country.

I thank you.

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