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Madam President, India warmly welcomes the delegation of Thailand and thanks the delegation for its presentation and national report, which is based on broad and inclusive consultations through a number of workshops and UPR clinics, reflecting Thailand's commitment to the promotion and protection of human rights.

2. The Report provides a detailed overview of Thailand's normative and institutional framework for protection of human rights in the country, as also useful information on the special measures enacted to promote and protect the rights of children, women, older persons, persons with disabilities, ethnic groups and migrants. It is noteworthy that many of the mechanisms for protection and promotion of human rights are under the direct guidance of the Prime Minister, who chairs the committees.

3. We take positive note of the fact that while the country has made laudable progress in eradicating extreme poverty and hunger and developing various human rights protection mechanisms, the report also acknowledges shortcomings and has a constructive approach towards addressing them. It is noteworthy that the drafting process of the national report itself was used to propel progress on pending human rights issues.

4. We commend Thailand's generosity in receiving refugees and displaced persons from neighbouring countries. While we appreciate the steps Thailand has taken to assist all migrant workers to access their basic rights as mentioned in the report, we request the delegation to elaborate on concerns that have been expressed about the inclusiveness, transparency and non-discriminatory nature of the Nationality Verification Process (NV) process that is underway.

5. We commend Thailand's commitment to realizing the right to education for all children, combating human trafficking, including child prostitution and violence against children and its special attention to early childhood development. In this context, we would request the delegation to share Thailand's experience in implementing its long-term policy and strategy for early childhood development, in terms of its spread to rural areas, successes and challenges.

Thank you, Madam President.
