

**Statement by Ms. Pinsuda Jayanama,
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We thank **International Service for Human Rights, Amnesty International** as well as the **Permanent Mission of Bulgaria to the UN** for this opportunity.

(International level)

At the International level, Thailand will work with all partners – states, relevant UN agencies and civil society organizations, to **maximize the impact of the works of the Council on the ground**. We would like to see the Council **making a real difference in people’s lives** and will do so by working through various means.

First, with our track record of being a **constructive member** and **bridge-builder**, Thailand will seek to **promote dialogue** and **bring synergies** and the **needed solidarity** to the Council.

Second, we will ensure that the Council addresses **all dimensions of human rights**. The Council should also be **more responsive to existing and emerging challenges** such as international conflicts, pandemic, climate change and threats from emerging technology.

Third, as penholder of the resolution on “**Enhancement of technical cooperation and capacity-building in the field of human rights**”, Thailand will continue to advocate sharing of experiences and assisting states in their human rights implementation. We also recently made the contribution of 100,000 USD to the Voluntary Trust Fund for Technical Cooperation to support such endeavour.

Fourth, with our experience as President of the Council during the first review of the Council in 2011, Thailand will build on this and work constructively with partners to **rationalize and further enhance the effectiveness** of the Council.

(National level)

At the national level, Thailand has made various progress in recent years. We have done good work so far with upgrading the laws and implementing policies like **Universal Health Coverage** and **Education for All**. We will continue to do more and **work with all partners**. Thailand is committed to (1) to promote and protect

civil and political rights while ensuring progressive realization of economic, social and cultural rights (2) to promote equity, equality, and social justice and (3) to protect those in vulnerable situations so that no one will be left behind. We have also confirmed to receive an official visit of the **Working Group on Discrimination against Women and Girls** in December this year.

We pledge to be your responsible and constructive partner for human rights and we hope to receive your support.

*Just to correct your introduction, Thailand has ratified or acceded to **8 out of 9 core human rights treaties**. The latest one is to the International Convention on the Protection of all Persons from Enforced Disappearance (ICPPED).*

Thank you.