

Intervention by Delegation of Thailand
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Co-Chairs,
Excellencies,
Distinguished Delegates,

In Thailand, our anti-human trafficking efforts are driven by the **5Ps**, namely (1) Policy and legal frameworks (2) Prosecution (3) Protection (4) Prevention and (5) Partnership. I will, however, limit my 5Ps only on how the Thai Government works with our business counterparts in combating human trafficking.

First, **policy** - the Amendment to the Prevention and Suppression of Human Trafficking Act clarifies the definition of “forced labor or services” to include seizure of identification documents and debt bondage so the business sector is aware that such practices are unlawful.

Second, **prosecution** - our seriousness in prosecuting traffickers, including government officials and business owners, was demonstrated through the recent verdict of 62 offenders involved in the “Rohingya” case – they now serve a sentence for up to 94 years.

Third, **protection** - close cooperation with business enterprises has increased job opportunities for victims both inside and outside the shelters. Nevertheless, we must further encourage all businesses to provide local job opportunities to ensure that victims are equipped financially, which will protect victims from becoming re-victimized as well as contribute to a sustain and viable business.

Fourth, **prevention** - Thailand has implemented the Good Labour Practices (GLP) programme in both the fisheries and poultry sector. The GLP have been formulated with the support of the ILO and with consultations with businesses, trade unions, and civil society organizations. Training and capacity building programme as available to ensure that the GLP are actually practiced. Thailand is also developing a National Action Plan on Business and Human Rights (NAP) in line with the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs). We must also cultivate public empathy for the victims.

Lastly, **partnership** – the Government has strengthened public-private-civil society partnership in various manners that can simply not be described in this short time. Partnership is in fact the glue that binds the 5Ps together.

Finally, I would like to end by thanking the Co-Chairs for organizing this Forum, which can enhance regional and cross-border public-private-civil society partnerships in combating human trafficking. We can work together to raise awareness among local communities as well as enhance capacities of SMEs to ensure a supply chain that supports combating trafficking. A regional voluntary code of conduct or standards should also be developed for businesses in Bali Process countries to abide by the UNGP and to support Government anti-trafficking efforts.

Thank you.

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