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### STATEMENT (272 words):

Thailand's VNR reports on plans to achieve SDGs; however, these don't address systemic barriers. How will policies respond to the needs of marginalized groups and address intersecting forms of discrimination?

- In the 2017 VNR CSOs highlighted the need for inclusive participation. Yet, it remains a critical concern for this VNR, especially given the impact of Covid-19. How will the government engage CSOs and the people in implementing, monitoring and reporting of the SDGs ?

- Thailand's draft "Act on the Operation of Not-for-Profit Organizations" poses serious threats to the functioning of Thai civil society and sustainable development. How will the government respect and strengthen partnerships with CSOs?

- There are ongoing tensions around the need for development, and protection and conservation of the environment. This includes development projects for infrastructure and economic zones, under the name of "climate protection" that are harmful to local livelihoods and the environment.

The current Bang Kloy case is an attempt to register forests as a world heritage site while the human rights of indigenous peoples are violated. How is the government going to address this and

ensure projects respect human rights, are gender responsive, ecologically balanced and with free, prior and informed consent of communities and indigenous peoples, in pursuing the SDGs?

-Current Covid-19 response measures are short term and leave the informal sector without support, including access to vaccines and mental health services. What long term recovery plans are in place to address the needs of marginalized groups, especially the poor, sex workers, LGBTIQ ?

-The government engaged women's groups in development of National Action Plan on Elimination of Violence Against Women. What is its current status?