

## Press Release

On 13 October 2019, 10.30–13.00 hrs. at Amphitheatre (ground floor), Building B, Sava Centre, Belgrade, Republic of Serbia, Hon. Mrs. Suwannee Sirivejchapun, Senator, Hon. Ms. Nateepat Kulsetthasith and Hon. Mr. Santi Kiranand, Member of the House of Representatives attended the 30<sup>th</sup> session of the Forum of Women Parliamentarians.

In this regard, Hon. Ms. Suwannee Sirivejchapun discussed the draft resolution “Achieving Universal Health Coverage by 2030: The role of parliaments in ensuring the right to health” of the Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights on the topic “Ensuring Universal Health Coverage is responsive to the needs of women and girls”

Hon. Ms. Suwannee underlined the success of Thailand’s Universal Health Coverage (UHC). Every person has the rights to receive standardized and efficient public health services as provided by the National Health Security Act, B.E. 2545 (2002). Her discussion was consistent with the statement of H.E. General Prayut Chan-o-cha, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand at the High-level Meeting on Universal Health Coverage on September 2019 at the United Nations Headquarters, New York, which highlighted the concept of the equitable access to the UHC and no one left behind

In addition, the Thai Parliament enacted the Prevention and Solution of the Adolescent Pregnancy Problem Act, B.E. 2559 (2016) which prescribed that an adolescent has the rights to make a decision by herself/himself, get information and knowledge, receive reproductive health service, have confidentiality and privacy, access to equal and non-discriminative social welfare, and is entitled to any other rights for the purpose of this Act accurately, completely and adequately. Moreover, the Primary Health Care System Act B.E. 2562 (2019) has been enacted to not only eliminate inequality in health care access but also provide sufficient medical personnel in the primary health care system.

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