

Committee: UNWOMAN

Topic: Protecting woman in age of digital abuse: Regulating ai, deepfakes, and online gender based violence

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As Thailand we accept that "technology facilitated violence against woman" is a human rights violation, we agree that online violence against woman is not consuming human rights. Especially womans that publicly visible are at higher risk. We are aware that AI generated and deepfake nudity causes significant harm and complicates legal processes, however we oppose a complete ban on AI. We support encouraging people to use the internet responsibly rather than censorship. We support implementing regulations aimed at protecting woman rather than arbitrary censorship, but as Thailand we recognize that acting alone is not effective, that measures should be implemented at UN level. For us, the priority should not be immediate removal of such content but intervening within a reasonable time frame. Our aim is not to disregard freedom of expression, rather than imposing unlimited state control over platforms, we support educating the public on this issue.

In our country, particularly woman who are visible in the public sphere have suffered significant harm due to this issue, even woman who are not publicly visible have experienced online abuse. Especially with regard to young woman, they are frequently targeted on social media due to differences in opinions or solely because they are woman. The increasing prevalence of AI and deepfake technologies, this form of violence, which was previously observed in physical spaces, is not occurring in the online environment.

What we need to develop is legislation that is drafted in a manner capable of preventing digital abuse to woman. The steps we have taken in this regard include being a party to CEDAW, cooperating with UN mechanisms, and developing legal reforms, however these measures alone are not sufficient. In order to achieve effective outcomes, it is necessary to develop a specific, clear, comprehensive, and international strategy on digital abuse. This issue is particularly important for Thailand, as deepfake nudity and digital abuse are increasing, however as Thailand we believe that AI should not be banned, as we consider AI to be essential for economic development.

As Thailand, there are legal and societal reforms that we can implement in this regard.

We support adapting digital crime laws to keep pace with the rapidly evolving nature of AI and introducing regulations that remain effective regardless of technological developments.

Rather than introducing entirely new laws, we believe that existing legislation should be updated and amended.

We do not seek to regulate AI in all areas, but specifically aim to regulate deepfake and imitation capabilities.

Regulation should not be limited solely to AI, but should also extend to content published on the internet. Moreover, this should not be implemented by a single country alone, but collectively at the UN level, as national level regulations can be easily circumvented by citizens.

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