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**Statement by H.E. Pisanu Chanvitan
Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Thailand
On the Universal Periodic Review of Brazil
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Madame President,

Thailand is impressed by the serious commitment of the Government and the wide range of measures put in place to advance the enjoyment of human rights of all Brazilian citizens.

As noted in the country report that many human rights challenges in Brazil stem from the historical and structural inequalities, we **recommend** that the government continue to address the grievance of and empower vulnerable groups – particularly women, children, indigenous people, and people of African descent - by reducing urban-rural discrepancies and promoting equal access to opportunities for all, especially access to health care, education, employment, housing and social security.

In connection with Government's efforts to improve the prison conditions, we **recommend** the Government to pay extra attention to the special needs of women prisoners by considering implementing the Bangkok Rules.¹ Thailand stands ready to share our experiences with Brazil in this matter.

Lastly, we note the adoption of the Law on Access to Public Information which prohibits assigning classified status to documents relating to human rights violation, as well as the establishment of the Truth Commission to promote accountability and transitional justice in the country. We believe these are but a few of good practices that others may be able to learn from Brazil's experiences.

Thank you, Madame President.

¹ The UN Rules for the Treatment of Women Prisoners and Non-Custodial Measures for Women Offenders