

**Statement by the Delegation of Thailand,
H.E. Mr. Pisanu Chanvitan,
Ambassador and Permanent Representative,
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Madame President,

As a fellow ASEAN member, Thailand commends Indonesia's active roles in promoting human rights at both the regional and national levels. We also congratulate them for their implementation of the accepted recommendations from the first cycle. Among others, we highlight the human rights education and training, especially for police and military officers as well as their ratification process of international human rights instruments.

Because Thailand attaches importance to promoting the rights of all vulnerable groups, we are pleased to learn the progress made on the ground in this area. For example, Indonesia has promoted gender mainstreaming, implemented laws on the elimination of violence against women, addressed the issue of street children and ratified the CRPD. At the same time, the adoption of the National Action Plan to combat trafficking in persons is noteworthy. Moreover, the launch of the Third National Action Plan on Human Rights should provide an overarching framework for promoting and protecting human rights of all individuals.

Nevertheless, Thailand views that there is always room for improvement. For their consideration, we wish to recommend Indonesia to: first, further promote human rights education and training at all educational levels; and second, strengthen access for persons with disabilities in all areas, particularly their political participation such as voting.

Thank you, Madame President.

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