**Statement by the Delegation of Thailand**

**H.E. Mr. Thani Thongphakdi,**

**Ambassador and Permanent Representative,**

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Madam President,

 Thailand welcomes the report and recommendations of the Lessons Learnt and Reconciliation Commission (LLRC), as well as the decision of the Government of Sri Lanka to establish a Task Force to monitor the effective implementation of the said recommendations.

 We recognize the efforts made to address alleged human rights violations cases especially the issue of enforced disappearance, including the establishment of an inter-ministerial working group on this matter. In this regard, we recommend that relevant legislations and administrative measures be further strengthened to ensure transparency and non-impunity in the judicial process on all alleged enforced disappearance cases including investigation, prosecution and reparation, which would contribute towards its national reconciliation.

#####  We appreciate steps taken to ensure physical safety and dignity of individuals arrested or detained in custody, including legal safeguards for eliminating all forms of ill treatment or torture in prisons. Here, we recommend that Sri Lanka consider incorporating the UN Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners and the UN Rules for the Treatment of Women Prisoners and Non-Custodial Measures for Women Offenders, otherwise known as the “Bangkok Rules”, as part of its work on the treatment of prisoners.

 Thank you, Madam President.

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