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**Statement by the Delegation of Thailand,
Ms. Sanittawan Tan,**

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Mr. President

Thailand welcomes the delegation of Burkina Faso to the UPR working Group today and thanks them for the presentation made.

We note with appreciation Burkina Faso's determination to protect human rights both at home, through the establishment of the Ministry of Human Rights and human rights education starting from primary school, and at regional and international levels.

Thailand also commend Burkina Faso's efforts to promote gender equality and protect the rights of vulnerable groups, particularly women, children and persons with disabilities, particularly in areas such as health and education, with the aim of combating discrimination within family and in society.

We are pleased to learn that Burkina Faso has established the National Council to Combat Female Circumcision as well as the National Council for the Advancement of Women. Thailand strongly encourages Burkina Faso to continue its efforts to end female genital mutilation, early marriage, and child or forced marriage. We also support Burkina Faso in promoting equal remuneration of equal work for women and men, as well as in encouraging women representation in decision-making positions, as these actions would help promote gender equality.

Mr. President,

Burkina Faso has made crucial progress in improving the condition of prisons and promoting the rights of detainees. Thailand views that women in detention facilities may have particular needs whilst serving their time. In this regard, Thailand would like to recommend Burkina Faso to consider implementing the United Nations Rules for the Treatment of Women Prisoners and Non-custodial Measures for Women Offenders or the "Bangkok Rules" to provide them with appropriate treatment.

Thailand notes with interest the adoption of a strategic policy framework for the promotion of children's rights. However, we remain concerned about child abuse, including trafficking and sexual abuse, and violence against children in particular. Therefore, we recommend Burkina Faso to ensure effective implementation of its national action plan against human trafficking by law enforcement officials with the aim to dismantle illicit network, whilst reintegrate children victims back in school and prevent re-victimization.

On a final note, Thailand wishes to call on the OHCHR, states and international community to respond to Burkina Faso's request for capacity-building and to assist the country in fulfilling its human rights obligations and overcoming both institutional and systematic challenges.

Thank you, Mr. President.
