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**Statement by the Delegation of Thailand,  
Mr. Natapanu Nopakun,  
Counselor,  
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Mr. President,

Thailand welcomes the delegation of Cameroon to the UPR working group today and thanks them for the presentation made.

We commend Cameroon's efforts to fulfill international human rights commitments, in particular the ratification of the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, the job creation initiatives to bring their population out of poverty, and measures taken to strengthen the independence of the judiciary.

Thailand appreciates Cameroon's efforts in combating trafficking in persons through the adoption of relevant legislation. However, we remain concerned of other forms of violence against women. Here, we recommend Cameroon to consider adopting specific laws or repealing existing legislation to combat this issue.

Furthermore, Thailand recognizes many positive measures undertaken by Government of Cameroon for vulnerable and marginalized groups, including pygmies and Mbororos. We wish to further recommend Cameroon to promote equal treatment before the law, including through social protection, the right to birth registration, and the right to an equal use of natural resources.

Lastly, we take note of Cameroon's call for capacity building and technical assistance, particularly training on the Bangkok Rules and the Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of prisoners, and will engage with Cameroon's relevant authority in this regard.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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