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**Statement by the Delegation of Thailand,
H.E. Mr. Krerkpan Roekchamnong
Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative
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Mr. President,

Thailand welcomes the delegation of Canada to the UPR Working Group today and thanks them for the presentation made.

Thailand welcomes Canada's efforts to combat human trafficking. The four "P's": prevention of trafficking, protection of victims, prosecution of offenders and partnership with key stakeholders are essential to the country's successful endeavor. We therefore recommend Canada to continue placing special emphasis on the victim-oriented approach to address the challenges of human trafficking in the country.

Mr. President,

Thailand welcomes the commitment of Canada to promote and protect the human rights of children, inter alia, through the enactment of the Child Sexual Exploitation and Human Trafficking Act of 2012. However, we remain concerned about the reported lack of prevention of child sexual exploitation, violence against children, and disparities in access to services and high-quality education for all children in the country, especially those with minority or marginalized groups backgrounds. We therefore recommend Canada to become Party to the Optional Protocol to the CRC on a communications procedure to further ensue the rights of children victims.

Lastly, we wish the delegation of Canada much success in the second cycle of its UPR process.

Thank you, Mr. President.