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**Statement by the Delegation of Thailand,  
Mr. Thitiwat Boonmee  
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Mr. President,

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

We welcome the actions taken by the Government to implement the accepted recommendations, in particular the ratification of the CRPD and the ICERD, as well as the constitutional reform to ensure the full enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms in the country. Thailand encourages Djibouti to continue to work closely with relevant stakeholders to achieve a durable and inclusive democracy.

Djibouti has worked to enhance the rights of the child, including through the ratifications of the Optional Protocol to the CRC on the involvement of children in armed conflict and on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, as well as the establishment of a National Committee on the Rights of the Child. Thailand commends Djibouti for this commitment which was one of the accepted recommendations during the first cycle. We therefore recommend that Djibouti considers ratifying the Optional Protocol to the CRC on a communications procedure to further ensure the protection of children's rights.

On the rights of women, Thailand takes note that a relevant law has been adopted to ensure non-discrimination against women. In this connection, we recommend Djibouti to consider incorporating the "Bangkok Rules", to its internal regulations for the treatment of women prisoners.

We wish to encourage the international community and the OHCHR to provide appropriate assistance and capacity building to the Government of Djibouti upon its request in the implementation of its human rights education. Thailand stands ready to share our experience and good practices with Djibouti.

Thank you, Mr. President.