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Statement by the Delegation of Thailand
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Ambassador and Permanent Representative
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Mr. President,

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

We are pleased to learn about the implementation of accepted recommendations, in particular, the ratification of the CRPD.

Thailand also commends the steps taken to ensure the protection of maternal, paternal and child rights, including, among other things, by improving education for children with special needs. We welcome the establishment of social service institutions for families and children and recommend Russia to consider ratifying the two remaining Optional Protocols to the CRC to further ensure children's rights.

On women's rights, Thailand welcomes the measures taken to improve the situation of women detainees, as well as remand facilities. We recommend Russia to consider incorporating 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 programme to enhance the condition of detainees.

Thank you, Mr. President.