

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

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

We welcome the ratification of the CRC Optional Protocol on the sale of children. We recommend Chad to consider ratifying the CRC Optional Protocol on a communications procedure to further enhance child protection.

On the right to health, Thailand welcomes the efforts of the Government in increasing the number of hospitals and health centres in the country. We remain concerned however on the reported stigmatization and discrimination against persons living with HIV/AIDS. We invite the Government to further provide information to its population and take appropriate measures on the matter.

On the right of prisoners, while challenges still exist, we are pleased to learn that initiatives have been taken to strengthen the right of prisoners regarding their detention condition. We therefore recommend Chad to consider incorporating the UN SMR for the Treatment of Prisoners and the UN Rules for the Treatment of Women Prisoners and Non-custodial Measures for Women Offenders, or the *Bangkok Rules* into its national legislation and Government policies as appropriate.

Finally, Thailand stands ready to cooperate with Chad in the promotion and protection of human rights and urge the international community to lend necessary assistance to Chad upon its request. We also encourage Chad to continue engaging with treaty bodies in this regard.

Thank you, Mr. President.