

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

Thailand commends Mauritius’ basic philosophy to “put people first” as a human rights provision enshrined in the Constitution.

We welcome the efforts in terms of legislation and reform of relevant institutions and applaud the launch in October 2012 of its National Human Rights Action Plan for the period 2012 – 2020, which form part of the commitment to strengthen the democratic and human rights architecture in the country.

Notwithstanding its limited resources as a developing island, we compliment Mauritius for its efforts to increase public awareness on human rights and human rights education through media and across school curriculum.

Thailand takes good note of the National Action Plan to End Gender Based Violence for the year 2012 – 2015. In this regard, we recommend that Mauritius continue to promote women’s participation in decision-making and political participation by providing necessary assistance and capacity building, as well as gradually increasing proportion of women parliamentarians.

While we note the attention given to the availability of medical and health services in prisons as explained in its report, we observe the increase in cases of HIV/AIDS. Here, we recommend Mauritius to adopt and implement a national plan to combat HIV/AIDS, with an emphasis on prevention.

Thank you, Mr. President.
