

Statement by the Delegation of Thailand  
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Mr. President,

Thailand commends Uruguay for the progress made in the implementation of recommendations since its first review, particularly the establishment of the National Human Rights Institution.

We applaud its efforts to promote gender equality and eliminate all forms of violence against women, including improving the complaints system for domestic violence and its fight against trafficking in persons. We believe though that efforts could be strengthened to assist and redress victims of trafficking. Here, we recommend Uruguay to include access to justice and remedy, as well as psychological support and occupational training, for victims of trafficking to help them regain their lives and reintegrate back into society.

We also note positive measures undertaken to reform the prison system. Here, we feel that further attention could be given to the special needs of female inmates. We thus recommend Uruguay to apply the United Nations Rules for the Treatment of Women Prisoners, or the Bangkok Rules, as part of its efforts to guarantee respect for human rights and dignity of persons deprived of their liberty.

Thank you.

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