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

Thailand commends the Government of Yemen's efforts to improve human rights in the country against the backdrop of political and socioeconomic transformation in the country.

We welcome the progress achieved in the national dialogue to bring about a political settlement and devise remedies and solutions on issues of national priorities.

We also take note of measures and steps taken to deal with past abuses and the progress made in moving the process forward. With regards to the COI, we recommend Yemen to put into operation this important mechanism, including by expediting the appointment of the COI's members to look into the 2011 events and bring those who committed human rights violation to account.

We appreciate Yemen's efforts to improve protection and rights of women, including those in detention but, we view that they still face multiple challenges in law and in practice. Hence, we recommend Yemen to ensure full respect for women's rights and eliminate discriminatory practices, such as FGM, marital rape and other forms of domestic violence, in compliance with CEDAW.

We are mindful of various challenges faced by Yemen, in particular in strengthening national mechanisms to follow-up UPR and treaty bodies recommendations, and in building national mechanisms to monitor and document human rights abuses. We urge the OHCHR to take proactive steps to provide, in consultation with the Government of Yemen, technical assistance in this regard.

Lastly, we wish Yemen much success in its second review.

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