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

Thailand welcomes the engagement of the DPRK with the UPR mechanism and its efforts in adopting a series of laws to protect and promote human rights as mentioned in its national report.

Thailand notes however the discrepancy of information contained in the national report and the other compilation reports submitted, due to the inability of relevant UN agencies and stakeholders to verify information provided by the Government.

We recommend that the DPRK increase dialogue, consultations and cooperation with the international community, relevant UN bodies, UN human rights mechanisms and other stakeholders to enhance mutual understanding and further improve human rights situation in the country.

We also recommend the DPRK to continue to implement national laws in compliance with international human rights instruments in all areas, especially on the human rights of vulnerable groups, rights of the child, women's rights, rights of persons with disabilities and elderly persons.

Lastly, Thailand stands ready to engage and cooperate with the DPRK with regard to technical cooperation in the promotion and protection of human rights in the country, upon its request, and encourage the international community to continue engaging with the DPRK in a constructive manner.

Thank you, Mr. President.