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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 commends the positive steps taken by Ethiopia in the promotion and protection of human rights since its first UPR, particularly the ratification of the CRPD and the Protocol to Prevent Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, especially Women and Children.

While applauding the establishment of the Ethiopian Human Rights Commission (EHRC) and the adoption of the National Human Rights Action Plan (NHRAP) in June 2013, Thailand recommends Ethiopia to continue to work for the full implementation of its National Human Rights Action Plan. Towards this end, we stand ready to engage with Ethiopia to exchange experiences and best practices.

We also note measures taken to enhance access to healthcare and medical services, including the establishment of the Public Health Emergency Management Center at all levels. In this regard, Thailand recommends that Ethiopia to consider adopting universal health-care coverage to ensure health-care provision for all, with particular attention given to vulnerable groups and those living in rural areas.

Thank you, Mr. President.