

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

Thailand commends Nicaragua's efforts to ensure that its national laws are in compliance with its human rights obligations, and take concrete steps to reduce poverty and social inequality, promote education and human development programmes. We acknowledge progress achieved to enhance gender equality, which resulted in higher percentage of women in managerial positions.

We also welcome the efforts to improve its national legal frameworks, particularly those related to the protection of the rights of women, children, persons with disabilities, people belonging to ethnic and religious groups, as well as persons living with HIV/AIDS. Here, we recommend Nicaragua to further promote the collective rights of these groups, tolerance and mutual respect for all, including by developing a mechanism to this end.

We are pleased to learn about the Nicaraguan Government's plans to expand its national prison structure, including the building of a new women's prison sector at the national facility, water sanitation improvements, and the construction of a new facility in the Atlantico Sur autonomous region to address the overcrowding situation. Thailand recommends Nicaragua to consider adopting the United Nations Rules for the Treatment of Women Prisoners and Non-custodial Measures for Women Offenders or the Bangkok Rules to respond to specific needs of female inmates.

Lastly, Thailand stands ready to share our good practices and experience with Nicaragua to assist in its efforts to overcome these challenges

Thank you, Mr. President.

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