

**Statement by H.E. Mr. Thani Thongphakdi,
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Mr. President,

Thailand commends the efforts of the Government of Iran to improve the human rights situation in the country, in particular, the ongoing drafting of the Charter of Citizens' Rights in an inclusive manner, the drafting of a bill to establish human rights institution, the implementation of the health insurance and health system reform plan to improve access to health care, as well as work done on refugee protection in cooperation with international partners.

Thailand also welcomes the progress made in the promotion and protection of the rights of vulnerable groups, especially women and children. We are pleased to learn that the Government of Iran has established a National Focal Point for the CRC and is in the process of drafting the Comprehensive Plan for the Promotion of Women and Family Issues. While we hope that all these positive steps will continue, we recommend Iran to step up its efforts to ensure equal treatment of women and girls, particularly by ratifying the Convention to Eliminate All Forms of Discrimination against Women.

Permit me to conclude by expressing Thailand's readiness to share with Iran our experiences in providing universal health coverage which would promote the right to health in the country.

Thank you, Mr. President.