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**Statement by H.E. Mr. Krerkpan Roekchamnong
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Mr. President,

Thailand welcomes Iraq's accession to the CRPD and the promulgation of the Act concerning persons with disabilities and special needs in 2013. We recognize the progress made to advance women's rights. Nevertheless, domestic and gender-based violence and discrimination against women and girls remain of concern. Thailand therefore recommends that laws enacted, especially the amendment of the Personal Status Law and the law against domestic violence, be in line with Iraq's existing international obligations.

We are also concerned about the conditions of female prisoners who risk sexual violence. We therefore recommend Iraq to consider adopting the UN Rules for the Treatment of Women Prisoners and Non-custodial measures for Women Offenders or the "Bangkok Rules" to respond to the specific needs of female inmates.

Let me conclude by reiterating Thailand's concern about the systematic and widespread violation of human rights by the Islamic State of Iraq and Levant or ISIL and associated armed groups. We strongly condemn such acts and urge all parties involved in the conflict to immediately and strictly comply with international humanitarian law and human rights obligations.

Thank you.