

**Statement by the Delegation of Thailand**  
**Ms. Benjaporn Niyomnaitham, Second secretary**  
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Mr. President,

Thailand expresses its concern regarding the delay in submitting the national report of Guyana for the second cycle of the UPR and encourages OHCHR to provide adequate support to Guyana in this regard.

Thailand commends Guyana's efforts in amending several Acts during its legislative reforms, enabling the ratification of international human rights instruments, particularly the Convention of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Optional Protocols to the Convention of the Rights of the Child.

Concerning the rights of persons with disabilities, Thailand welcomes Guyana's efforts in adopting necessary strategic and legislative frameworks for addressing children with disabilities' access to health and rehabilitation services, education, employment, and social assistance. Thailand wishes to encourage Guyana to further implement education and awareness-raising programmes to help promote the inclusion and participation of children with disabilities in the society.

We positively note the enactment of the Sexual Offences Act in 2010 which improved legal basis to fight against sexual violence. However, violence against women remains a challenge. We therefore recommend Guyana to intensify its efforts in combatting domestic violence, in particular, to provide sufficient resources to ensure effective implementation of its legislation as well as to raise awareness of women's rights.

Thailand is pleased to learn that the principles of equality and non-discrimination are enshrined in Guyana's Constitution. However, we note with concern discrimination against LGBT especially criminalization of homosexual acts which are punishable by life imprisonment. Thailand recommends Guyana to continue its effort in eliminating discrimination against LGBT starting with the review of its related legislation.

I thank you, Mr. President.