

**Statement by the Delegation of Thailand**  
**Mr. Natapanu Nopakun, Minister Counselor**  
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Mr. President,

Thailand commends the progress achieved by Turkey since its first review, in particular, the adoption of the 'Democratization Package' of 2013 which enabled greater rights of minority groups, especially in the context of participation in the political process and the use of traditional languages and dialects in teaching and the media.

Thailand recommends Turkey to continue its effort in combatting violence against women especially domestic violence by effectively enforcing its law and undertaking necessary legislative review to ensure the protection of the rights of the victims.

We note with appreciation Turkey's continued efforts to prevent and combat human trafficking while also offering refuge and protection to those fleeing places of conflict. We recommend Turkey to tackle the ongoing issues of irregular migrants and seriously prosecute traffickers who prey and take advantage of those vulnerable persons.

I thank you, Mr. President.