**Statement by the Delegation of Thailand**

**Ms. Benjaporn Niyomnaitham, Second Secretary**

**at the Review of Mongolia**

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Mr. Vice President,

Thailand commends the progress made by Mongolia since the first cycle of the UPR, in particular, the adoption of new legislations and initiatives to promote the rights of various vulnerable groups especially women, children and persons with disabilities such as the Law on Gender Equality, Law on Combatting Human Trafficking, Policy Council on Disabled Persons (2012) and the establishment of minimum number for women and minorities in government bodies and politics.

 However, challenges remain in various areas. The rise in domestic violence against women and girls as well as discrimination against persons with disabilities and LGBT persons remain Thailand’s key concerns. The effective implementation of existing laws and the increase of their awareness, especially, the Law to Combat Domestic Violence should be pursued among law enforcement officers, social workers and other members of the public.

 With regard to the rights of the child, we recommend Mongolia to ratify CRC Optional Protocol on a Communication Procedure. We also encourage Mongolia to increase accessibility to social services specifically designed for working children.

 It is important that Mongolia continues its efforts to eliminate all forms of discrimination against LGBT individuals and persons with disabilities. Thailand recommends that Mongolia considers giving special attention to the rights of women and girls with disabilities, including their reproductive rights, the rights to be free from violence, to work, to receive education and to participate in decision-making.

I thank you, Mr. Vice President.