**Statement by the Delegation of Thailand**

**Ms. Benjaporn Niyomnaitham, First Secretary**

**Permanent Mission of Thailand**

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Mr. President,

Thailand welcomes the delegation of Sultanate of Oman to the second UPR Cycle. We commend measures taken by the Government to promote and protect human rights, including its effort to improve its legal infrastructure and cooperation with United Nations mechanisms. Thailand acknowledges the impressive progress made over a relatively short period in the field of education, healthcare, and social services.

We also welcome the initiatives to promote and empower Omani women which have resulted in their greater participation in economic and political spheres. We encourage the Omani Government to continue its effort in this area as well as to maintain its positive approach to consider acceding to the remaining core international human rights instruments, especially ICCPR and ICESCR.

Thailand recommends Oman to strengthen its efforts to ensure that youth and children who come into contact with the justice system enjoy adequate protection and are subject to courts specialized in juvenile justice.

We also recommend that Oman continues to work collaboratively with the private sector and relevant stakeholders in protecting the labour rights.

I thank you, Mr. President.