Statement by the Delegation of Thailand

Ambassador Thani Thongphakdi Permanent Representative of Thailand at the Review of Denmark

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Mr. Vice President,

Thailand commends Denmark for the progress made in the promotion and protection of human rights since the first UPR Cycle, especially the promotion of the rights of vulnerable groups by ratifying the relevant Optional Protocols to the CRPD and the CRC, as well as undertaking relevant political and legislative reforms.

To further promote the rights of vulnerable groups, we encourage Denmark to expedite the revocation of territorial reservations of the human rights instruments for Greenland and Faroe Islands as and when decided by those Governments.

We welcome the annual Action Plan for Gender Equality which helps assess the progress made and provide direction based on the Government's priorities. In this regard, we <u>recommend</u> Denmark to continue its effort to further mainstream gender equality in the public sphere as well as to combat domestic violence to protect the rights of women in the private sphere.

We also welcome efforts to limit the use of solitary confinement as a disciplinary measure for inmates. We <u>recommend</u> that special considerations be given to juvenile offenders, such as to prohibit the use of solitary confinement against persons under 18 and separate juvenile offenders from adult offenders.

I thank you, Mr. Vice President.