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Statement
by H.E Mr. Thongphane SAVANPHET
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Mr. President,

The Lao PDR warmly welcomes the distinguished delegation of Paraguay to the 24th Session of the UPR Working Group, and would like to thank them for their comprehensive presentation of National Report.

The Lao PDR is pleased to note the constructive engagement of Paraguay in international cooperation on the promotion and protection of human rights, particularly, the involvement in the work of the Human Rights Council.

We commend efforts made by Paraguay to adopt a number of laws and regulations to improve the national legislative framework and strengthen institution for the promotion and protection of human rights in the country.

The Lao PDR welcomes measures undertaken by the Government of Paraguay on the empowerment of women by encouraging them to participate in politics, economy, society, culture and civil life and on addressing poverty reduction, the National Development Plan 2030 which has included as a key priority.

In this regard, Lao PDR wishes to offer followings recommendations for consideration:

1. To continue efforts to ensure vulnerable children and adolescents in rural communities access to quality education and health care services.
2. To continue promote gender equality and involvement of women in politics and public services.

We wish Paraguay a very success in its Second Cycle of UPR.

I thank you, Mr. President