

Statement by the Delegation of Thailand
Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative
Mr. Krerkpan Roekchamnong
at the Review of Somalia
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Mr. Vice President,

Thailand commends Somalia for its continuing efforts to promote and protect human rights, in particular, the adoption of the Provisional Constitution which enshrines the general principles of human rights, as well as the establishment of the National Human Rights Commission and the National Human Rights Roadmap, despite the security challenges faced by the Government of Somalia.

Thailand welcomes the constitutional framework which reaffirms gender equality and prohibits discrimination. We recommend Somalia to intensify its effort in the promotion and protection of the rights of women by, *inter alia*, ratifying the CEDAW, revising discriminatory legal provisions and effectively enforcing its law to fight against gender-based violence.

We also recommend Somalia to support all stakeholders, including Community Education Committees, religious groups, NGOs in their effort to provide education services to all, with a particular emphasis on access of girls to basic education.

Lastly, Thailand stands ready to render our support and provide technical assistance and cooperation in development and promotion of human rights in the fields of mutual interest, such as food security and right to health.

I thank you, Mr. Vice President.