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Statement by the Delegation of Thailand

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at the Review of Sudan

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Mr. President,

Thailand welcomes the constructive efforts made by the Government of Sudan to improve the human rights situation in the country. We commend Sudan on the amendment of the Criminal Code 2015 with the addition of the offence of sexual harassment, and the drafting of the national policy to combat violence against women and children (2016-2031). In this connection, we urge that the Sudanese Government take the necessary measures to enhance the capacity of its agencies for combating violence against women and children.

Despite positive developments in improving access to education, Thailand encourages the Government of Sudan to further strengthen its “National Education for All Plan” and expedite the construction of more classrooms to enhance access to education for Sudanese children.

Thailand recommends Sudan to ensure the right to adequate food, especially during times of conflict and in states of emergency. We understand the daunting challenges faced by the Sudanese Government as a result of armed conflicts in several Sudanese states. We recommend the Government of Sudan to continue to work with the WHO and other UN agencies, as well as with relevant international organizations to strengthen the public health system and facilities, not only in the conflict-affected areas but also in all parts of the country.

We also urge the Government of Sudan to cooperate with the international community to enhance access to humanitarian assistance for and improve living conditions of internally displaced persons.

We support the Sudanese Government’s commitment to engage women in all fields of development. We encourage Sudan to increase its efforts, including through working with the relevant international organizations, to put in place the necessary measures to reduce maternal mortality rate and promote maternal healthcare, particularly for women who live in remote and rural areas.

I thank you, Mr. President.