**Statement by the Delegation of Thailand**

**Mr. Sasiwat Wongsinsawat**

**Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative**

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Mr. President,

Thailand welcomes the Philippines delegation and applauds concrete progress, particularly the protection of vulnerable groups, the implementation of the Bangkok Rules, efforts in combatting human trafficking and victim assistance, and the freedom of information in the executive branch.

In this regards, Thailand recommends that **the Philippines develop the Third Human Rights Action Plan to guide its policy direction and ensure the implementation of programmes for even more robust promotion and protection of human rights.**

Thailand recognises the severity of the drug problem in the Philippines and recommends the Philippines to **adopt comprehensive and human centered approaches for its anti-illegal drug policy, particularly the provision of appropriate health measures**. We stand ready to share our experiences in this area, including on Alternative Development which aims at addressing the root causes of illicit drug and promoting sustainable livelihood for people.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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