**Statement by the Delegation of Thailand**

**at the Review of Vanuatu**

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Mr. President,

Thailand welcomes Vanuatu’s National Gender Equality Policy 2020-2030, as well as the election of its first woman Member of Parliament and first female Chief Magistrate in 2022. We also recognize Vanuatu’s commitment to promoting and protecting the rights of persons with disabilities through its National Disability Inclusive Development Policy 2018-2025 and its plans to develop the Disability and Inclusion Act.

Thailand recommends that Vanuatu:

1. Take further steps to ensure women’s equal participation in public and political life, and eliminate gender stereotypes and negative social norms that hinder women’s role and leadership;

2. Strengthen measures to promote decent work and equal employment opportunities for all without discrimination, particularly women, youth and persons with disabilities; and

3. Mainstream human rights into its humanitarian and recovery operations in responding to natural disasters, as well as ensure inclusive consultation with relevant stakeholders in decision-making and implementation processes.

We wish Vanuatu a successful review.

I thank you.

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