**Statement by the Delegation of Thailand**

**H.E. Mr. Sek Wannamethee**

**Ambassador and Permanent Representative**

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Mr. Vice President,

Thailand applauds steps taken by the Republic of Korea to, among others, improve the welfare and protection of older persons, promote inclusive education for children with disabilities, and work towards the withdrawal of its reservation to the provision concerning adoption in the CRC.

We welcome the ratification of the Trafficking in Persons Protocol and the amendment of the Criminal Act to expand the scope of crimes of trafficking in persons.

Thailand recommends that the Republic of Korea **further take measures to combat trafficking in persons, particularly women and children, and sexual exploitation, by ensuring effective enforcement of the Criminal Act and providing victims with necessary assistance and protection throughout the process of investigation and trial.**

We note reported cases of migrant workers being treated unfairly by their employers.

Therefore, Thailand recommends that the Republic of Korea **enhance measures to promote and protect the rights of migrant workers, and ensure fairer and safer working conditions as well as stricter labour law enforcement and punishment for employers who violate the law.**

Thank you, Mr. Vice President.