**Statement by the Delegation of Thailand**

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

**Ambassador and Permanent Representative**

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Madam President,

Thailand welcomes the efforts and progress made by Nepal since the previous UPR, especially its recently adopted fifth National Human Rights Action Plan (2020-2025), which is considered an important implementing tool to promote and protect human rights.

We commend Nepal for adopting its Public Health Service Act 2018 and National Health Policy 2019 as a means to improve access to affordable healthcare for all, as recommended by Thailand at the last UPR session.

Additionally, Thailand recommends Nepal to strengthen the implementation of WHO’s guideline for the preparedness, prevention and control of COVID-19 in prisons and other places of detention.

Thailand also commend Nepal for its efforts in implementing legal frameworks under the 2015 Constitution with an aim to reduce gender–based violence, violence against women, and indigenous women.

We recommend Nepal to redouble its efforts to end gender-based violence and ensure effective access to gender-based violence response services.

Thank you.

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