**Statement by the Delegation of Thailand**

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Madam President,

Thailand commends Belgium’s continued efforts in promoting diversity and combating racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, including the establishment of an inter-ministerial conference against racism. We are of the view that the facilitation and recognition of religious practices, including Buddhism, will contribute to the promotion of religion tolerance.

We recommend Belgium to redouble its efforts in combating racism, racial discrimination and xenophobia by expediting assessment process of respective laws and continuing training for law enforcement officers.

Thailand welcomes steps taken to further promote the rights of persons with disabilities, including the Federal Disability Action Plan. We recommend Belgium to facilitate greater access to employment for persons with disabilities as well as ensure access to social services, including education, for children with disabilities.

Thank you.

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