**Statement by the Delegation of Thailand**

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Madam President,

Thailand commends Namibia for its continuing efforts aimed at achieving gender equality and promoting women’s empowerment whereby number of girls and young women graduating from secondary and tertiary institutions has been increased.

Thailand congratulates Namibia on its significant progress in the fight against the HIV/AIDS pandemic, which sees the HIV prevalence rates among adults continuing to drop. In order to reduce the overall HIV infections and AIDS related mortality, we recommend Namibia to intensify its efforts to combat HIV/AIDS and prevent mother-to-child transmission.

Thailand applauds Namibia for inaugurating the first female correctional centre in Windhoek. We recommend Namibia to strengthen its efforts to improve prison conditions, reduce the rate of overcrowding, and implement the Bangkok Rules and Nelson Mandela Rules.

Thank you.

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