**Statement by the Delegation of Thailand**

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Madam President,

Thailand commends Paraguay’s commitment to protecting and promoting human rights, in particular its efforts in prohibiting all forms of discrimination against members of the LGBTI community, and in combatting human trafficking. We encourage the Government of Paraguay to further provide protection to victims of human trafficking by effectively implementing the National Plan on Preventing and Combatting Trafficking in Persons.

Thailand welcomes the adoption of the Comprehensive Protection of Women from All Forms of Violence Act, its National Plan and related mechanisms which provide for prevention, care, protection and reparation for women who fall victims. However, we remain concerned about domestic and gender-based violence as well as child abuse, which have increased during the COVID-19 pandemic. Thailand, therefore, recommends Paraguay to strengthen its efforts in addressing gender-based violence and providing adequate support and assistance to victims.

Thailand applauds the Paraguay’s “Right to an Identity” National Plan to ensure that every birth is registered. We recommend that Paraguay further increase the percentage of birth-registered children, especially for those in rural areas.

Thank you.

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