**Statement by the Delegation of Thailand**

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Madam President,

Thailand welcomes the delegation of the Solomon Islands to the third UPR cycle.

We appreciate the Solomon Islands’ efforts in promoting gender equality and women’s empowerment, particularly through the Gender Equality and Women’s Development Policy 2016-2020. We are encouraged by an increasing number of women contested as a member of political parties and hope the Solomon Islands will continue to support women’s participation in the government’s decision-making levels.

Thailand remains concerned by the prevalence rates of gender-based violence in the country. We therefore recommend the Solomon Islands to intensify its efforts in combating gender-based violence, particularly domestic violence, and ensure nation-wide access to support for the survivors.

We took note of the positive developments in the Solomon Islands to eliminate all forms of sexual exploitation, including through relevant domestic laws. We recommend the Solomon Islands to strengthen its legal framework to prevent all forms of child exploitation, including the use, procurement or offering a child of pornographic production or performances.

Thank you.

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