**Statement by the Delegation of Thailand**

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Madam President,

Thailand welcomes the progress made by Somalia in implementing the recommendations from the previous UPR cycle.

We applaud the efforts of Somalia to strengthen women’s rights through, among others, elaborating and implementing the Women’s Charter, convening a consultative forum to review its National Action Plan on Ending Sexual Violence, and signing a Joint Communiqué with the UN on the commitment to end sexual violence in conflict. Thailand recommends Somalia to redouble its efforts in promoting the rights of women and girls, including ensuring their access to education and enhancing their representation and participation in public life.

Thailand is concerned about the reported spike in price of basic goods and commodities in Somalia. We recommend Somalia to intensify its efforts in securing access to food for all, especially for the vulnerable groups including the internally displaced persons, persons with disabilities and those who live in poverty, in particular during the challenging times of COVID-19.

Thank you.

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