**Statement by the Delegation of Thailand**

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Madam President,

Thailand welcomes the progress made by Tajikistan in the field of human rights. We applaud Tajikistan’s efforts in combatting trafficking in persons and encourage the Government of Tajikistan to continue to work with IOM and relevant stakeholders to ensure that referring mechanisms to crisis centres and shelters for victims are put in place.

Thailand recognizes Tajikistan’s commitment to promote and protect the rights of persons with disabilities, demonstrated through the signing of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. We recommend Tajikistan to ensure effective implementation of the national action plan to prepare for the ratification and implementation of the said Convention.

Thailand notes that prison conditions in Tajikistan still need improvements and should take into account gender perspective and the negative impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on detainees. We recommend Tajikistan to implement the United Nations Rules for the Treatment of Women Prisoners and Non-custodial Measures for Women Offenders, or the “Bangkok Rules”, in order to address the special needs of women in prisons.

I thank you.

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