**Statement by Bulgaria**

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Thank you, Ms. President,

Bulgaria warmly welcomes the distinguished delegation of Thailand.

We acknowledge Thailand’s active involvement in the Human Rights Council, fostering dialogue between regional groups and stakeholders, while also putting a focus of sustainability.

We note the adoption and implementation of the country’s Fourth National Human Rights Plan (2019-2022), and expect to see the continuation of this practice in the future, especially given the challenges of the fight against poverty.

Bulgaria has followed the work and engagement of the National Human Rights Commission of Thailand and hope the institution will soon be strengthened in full compliance with the Paris Principles and updated to A-level status.

We further acknowledge the recent revisions to the anti-trafficking law, especially the additional measures to assist and protect victims of forced labour and to swiftly identify victims of trafficking and prevent oppressive work conditions.

The Republic of Bulgaria would like to make the following **recommendations** to the Government of Thailand:

1. Step-up efforts to end discrimination towards children with disabilities and ensure their full access to inclusive education.
2. Take further measures to improve women’s access to employment and safe working conditions.

Thank you.